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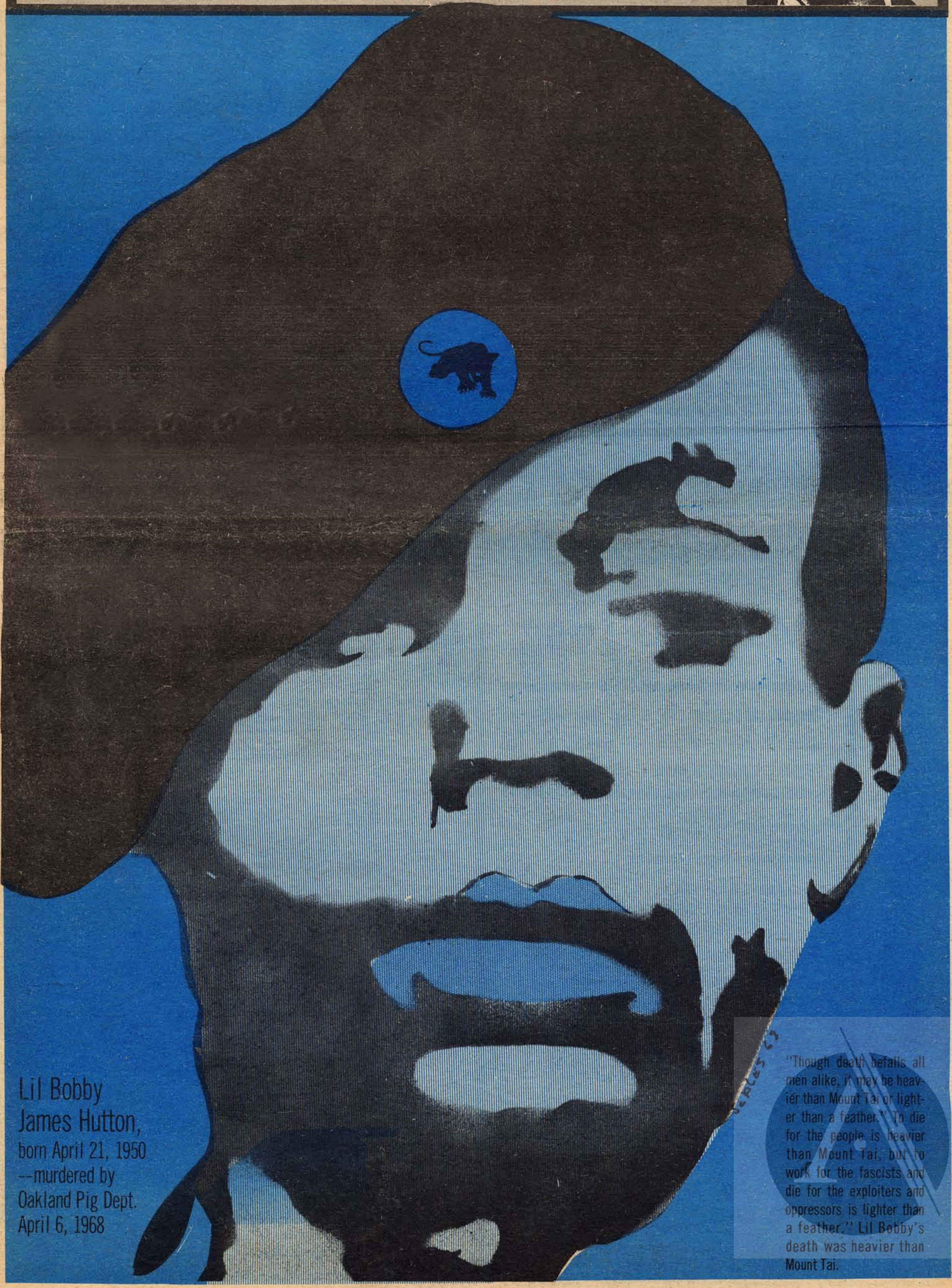
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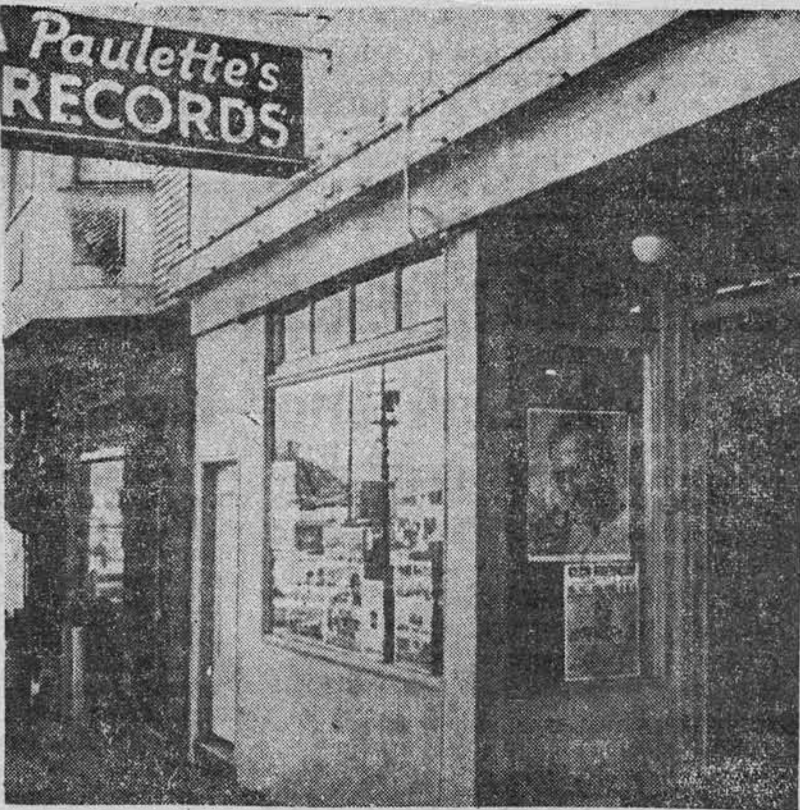
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Lil Bobby James Hutton, born April 21, 1950 —murdered by Oakland Pig Dept. April 6, 1968

"Though death befalls all men alike, it may be heavier than Mount Tai or lighter than a feather." To die for the people is heavier than Mount Tai, but to work for the fascists and die for the exploiters and oppressors is lighter than a feather." Lil Bobby's death was heavier than Mount Tai.



This is the record store into wh ich Alvert Joe Linthcome ran

BLACK YOUTH MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD BY RACIST S.F. PIG



VICTIMS' MOTHER AND SISTER

Last night at about 9:00 p.m., my cousin and I were riding in the Bayview area when we heard some shots; so I stopped my car and we were walking around the corner when I heard a girl screaming, "Don't shoot him." So my cousin ran down the opposite direction to where the girl was screaming, when I saw a pig running behind a dude with a pistol, shooting at the dude. So I took out behind the pig and caught up with him after he hit the dude in the arm, then I intercepted him, enough for the dude to jump the fence and when the pig did get himself back together - well the dude got away but he was bleeding in the arm.

(Did you knock the gun from the pig's hand?) No, I just deflected the gun enough for the dude to jump the fence and get away, but when I went back down the street to the record shop on Third Street, the dude was lying there in a pool of blood and my cousin identified himself as a medic and asked could we go in. He (pig) said No. So, we started in anyway and he pushed us back and I asked the pig at the door was there anyone there of higher authority than him and he pointed at some other dude and this pig said that he was a lieutenant and I told him my cousin was a medic and he wanted to go inside. So the dude told him No he couldn't go in. So, finally we pursuaded him to let him in and I gave my cousin my sweater. He stopped the bleeding and he said he had built the pulse up to a normal level almost and he was breathing good. So, after about 30 or 40 minutes the ambulance finally arrived and they brought one of those little carriers and just threw the dude on there and my cousin - there was a nurse there also - anyway my cousin asked the pig could he go with the dude because he was still breathing and he felt that if he could go with them he could put his head in the right position to keep his pulse up to a normal level and could possible save him.

So when he started in, they pushed him back again, and the sister was trying to get in so I started trying to open the door to let the sister in. So they finally let the sister in but they would let neither my cousin who was a medic nor the nurse go with the dude so when he got to Mission Emergency Hospital he was dead.

But like I said, my cousin said that when they left there he was still breathing and he felt he could've saved him, because he had built his pulse back to normal.

(Did you see the pig when he shot him?) No, my cousin saw this and also his sister was standing there, I heard her screaming "don't shoot him" she was standing there screaming "don't shoot him" I heard her screaming "don't shoot him." (Is this the same dude who jumped over the fence?) No, this is the other dude, this is the other dude who got killed - well, he got away, the one who jumped over the fence got away, but he went to the hospital and they got him there last night.

(But they were together originally?) Yeah, they were in the car together. Right, yeah, they were just running, they didn't fire any warning shots or anything, they were just shooting to kill. So, we took the girl in the record shop, the sister who was there we had to take her to Mission Emergency Hospital and she was in shock until about three this morning. (Why the record shop?) Why the record shop, because the dude they killed ran into the record shop, he just ran in there and threw his hands up.



ALBERT LINTHCOME
Slain after flight



Lusius Reynolds demonstrated how the victim had stood at counter



EDITOR'S NOTE: This issue of the BLACK PANTHER is a special issue. A great amount of news is omitted, which will appear in next week's issue.

6 A.M. SUNDAY APRIL 6, 1969

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN MEMORY OF LIL BOBBY HUTTON

AT BOBBY HUTTON MEMORIAL PARK

16th AND ADELINE STREETS IN OAKLAND

THE SERVICE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY FATHER EARL NEAL, REVOLUTIONARY MINISTER

Followed by a rally at 1 P.M.

International Speakers:

Bobby Seale
David Hilliard
Kathleen Cleaver
Charles R. Garry
Raymond "Masai" Hewitt
& others

EDITORIAL STATEMENT

by Big Man, Editor

April 6th 1968, the Oakland Pigs launched an open and unprovoked attack on members of the Black Panther Party, in the heart of the Black Community. This attack was an escalation on the part of William F. Knowland's regime in Oakland to destroy the Black Panther Party and smash any forces that oppose the vicious police state that exists in Oakland. A few months prior to the April 6th attack, Oakland's storm troopers attacked and attempted to kill the Party's leader and Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton. As a result of this attack, the Minister was wounded and another pig was sent to his grave.

From the day that Pig Frey died, the pigs of Oakland, California, and the nation have been given an open order to destroy the Panther leadership by any means necessary.

On the night of April 6th 1968, Oakland's enforcers murdered "Lil" Bobby Hutton, the Party's treasurer and wounded Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver.

From that point on there have been some twenty Panthers murdered by this nation's pigs and their running dogs. These deaths and attacks have not, and will not destroy the people's vanguard. The result has been quite the contrary; the Party has grown and become strong. This is a clear indication that the oppressed people will "conquer without a doubt."



ONE YEAR LATER

April 6, 1968, a day of infamy. A Black warrior was fallen. No flags flew at half mast. No day of national mourning was declared. The tears that were shed went unnoticed for they came from a people whose suffering has for centuries received no sympathy. All attempts to elevate our warrior in the eyes of his people was met by a barrage of criticism from the mass communication media. No Black man who is willing to fight to secure justice for his people is worthy of the hero's mantle in the narrow minds of the controlling establishment. The establishment reserves the burial of honor for those who die on their knees -- begging, and those who die fighting to preserve and extend the imperialistic interest of the neo-colonialist.

Black people, whether they admit it or not, know the truth -- no amount of written praise or ornamental corteges or acts of symbolic reverence can add more significance to his death or make his contribution more meaningful. Bobby Hutton died serving the people, serving the people, serving the people . . . The death of Bobby Hutton must weigh very heavy in the hearts of his people for he gave his life for the Supreme Cause -- Justice.

Bobby Hutton, Lil' Bobby as Huey called him, was a true freedom fighter. He picked up the gun, the basic tool of liberation in any society that is controlled by force and coercion. Lil' Bobby's manhood was accelerated by the apathy of the conditioned Negro and the lethargy of the aware, but frightened, bourgeoise. Bobby, as a Black youth, was forced to do what those who call themselves men and who act like Negroes would not do. Bobby was forced to fight.

Lil' Bobby joined Huey Newton and Bobby Seale and became the first member of the Black Panther Party. Lil' Bobby eventually became the treasurer of the Party, but never did he, in the words of Huey P. Newton, ask "neither for security nor high office . . ." Lil' Bobby set an example that should inspire many Black people, young and old alike, to become more active in the service of the people. The desire to gain wealth and material comfort must be subordinated to the demand for justice. The fear of death must be subordinated to the love of freedom. This is the perspective that Lil' Bobby had and the one that we must adopt.

The circumstances surrounding the death, the murder, the crucifixion, have often been told. How the pigs, in an effort to destroy the leadership of the Black Panther Party, ambushed Eldridge Cleaver and a group of Panthers including Lil' Bobby. How the pigs fired hundreds of rounds of ammunition into the house where Lil' Bobby and Eldridge had sought shelter. How this was done in complete disregard for the lives of the Black people who live in the surrounding area. How after Lil' Bobby and Eldridge emerged from the house and were beaten brutally by the pigs, Lil' Bobby was murdered by a fusilade of fire from the pigs. How Lil' Bobby had his hands in the air and was obeying the pig's orders when they fired on him. This is all history, not to be forgotten, but to inflame and inspire.

We must use the history of oppression and brutality to inflame our revolutionary fervor and to inspire us to resolute action. The pigs who murdered Lil' Bobby cannot be allowed to continue to occupy the Black community and patrol our neighborhoods with any type of self-declared impunity. The goals for which Lil' Bobby fought cannot be allowed to gather the dust of inactivity.

The power structure, the establishment, has often tried to make an example of any Black man whose actions and desires ran counter to those of the neo-colonial system. This time their example should become their nemesis. The spirit of Lil' Bobby Hutton should be absorbed by all who seek justice and freedom. The actions of Lil' Bobby Hutton should direct those who are indecisive. The people should welcome the legacy of the gun passed on by a true revolutionist.

The power for self-determination is vested, like all other power, in the people. Whenever a people merely ask for the right of self-determination, they are exposing their lack of political awareness and demonstrating a slave mentality. No one need ask for those things that are inherently theirs. All that is necessary is a concerted effort to prevent anyone from taking from you anything that you do not wish to give. This is why JUST governments derive their powers from the consent of the governed.

Bobby Hutton was determined that one would take his rights from him or his people. He was willing to give all to the people, and it has been said that the true sign of love is not how much one gives, but how much one keeps for himself. Now, one year later, we should all resolve to serve the people and, if necessary, keep no more than did Lil' Bobby Hutton.

#1 Affidavit of Eldridge Cleaver

Minister of Information, Black Panther Party

California State Prison, Vacaville, California



ELDRIDGE WROTE THIS AFFIDAVIT AFTER HAVING TO WITNESS THE MURDER OF "LIL" BOBBY

I am 33 years old. My first 15 years were given to learning how to cope with the world and developing my approach to life. I blundered in my choices and set off down a road that was a deadend. Long years of incarceration is what I found on that road, from Juvenile Hall at the beginning to San Quentin, Folsom, and Soledad State Prisons at the end. From my 16th year, I spent the next 15 years in and out of prison, the last time being an unbroken stay of 9 years.

During my last stay in prison, I made the desperate decision to abandon completely the criminal path and to redirect my life. While in prison, I concentrated on developing the skills of a writer and I wrote a book which a publisher bought while I was still in prison and which was published after I was out on parole.

BRAND NEW LIFE

It looked like smooth sailing for me. I had fallen in love with a beautiful girl and gotten married; my book was soon to be published, and I had a good job as a staff writer with RAMPARTS Magazine in San Francisco. I had broken completely with my old life. Having gone to jail each time out of Los Angeles, I had also put Los Angeles behind me, taking my parole to the Bay Area. I had a totally new set of friends and, indeed, I had a brand new life.

The thought of indulging in any "criminal activity" was as absurd and irrelevant as the thought of sprouting wings and flying to the moon. Besides, I was too busy. I joined the Black Panther Party, and because of my writing skills and interest in communications, became the editor of the Party's newspaper, THE BLACK PANTHER. In this I found harmony with my wife, Kathleen, who had worked in the Communications Department of SNCC in Atlanta, Georgia, and who, after our marriage, moved to San Francisco, joined the Black Panther Party, and became our Communications Secretary. Also, she is our Party's candidate for the 18th Assembly District seat in San Francisco, running on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket. With my job at RAMPARTS, my political activity, editing the newspaper, and work on a new book, I had more to do than I could handle. My life was an endless round of speeches, organizational meetings, and a few hours snatched here and there on my typewriter.

I thought that the parole authorities would be pleased with my new life, because in terms of complying with the rules governing the conduct of parole, I was a model parolee. But such was not the case. My case was designated a "Special Study Case," which required that I see my parole agent four times each month, once at home, once at my job, once "in the field," and once in his office. My parole agent, Mr. R. L. Bilideau, was

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white, but his boss, Mr. Isaac Rivers, was a black man. Together these two gentlemen were my contact with the parole authorities. On a personal level, we got along very well together, and we spent many moments talking about the world and its problems. However, I could never believe in them as sincere friends, because they were organization men and experience had taught me that, on receiving orders from above, they would snap into line and close ranks against me.

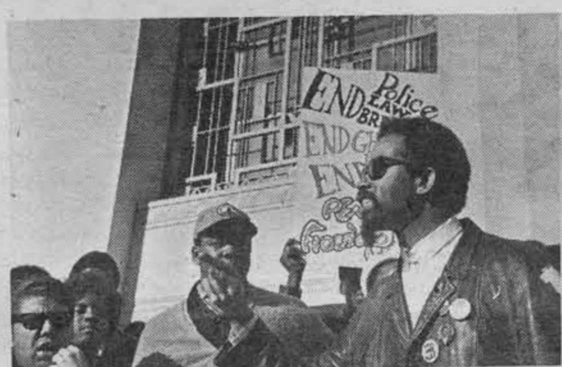
SPEAKS AGAINST WAR

The first time this happened was when, on April 15, 1967, I made a speech at Kezar Stadium criticizing this country's role in the war in Vietnam. The speech was part of the program of the Spring Mobilization Against the War in Vietnam, during the International Days of Protest. There were demonstrations from coast to coast. Dr. Martin Luther King spoke at the rally in New York and his wife spoke at our rally at Kezar. The crowd was estimated at about 65,000 and the speeches were shown on television. Members of the parole authority, who don't like me, I was told, saw excerpts of my speech on TV and launched their campaign to have my parole revoked, but failed. Even though I had a perfect right to free speech, Mr. Rivers and Mr. Bilideau said there were those in the State Capitol who, for political purposes, were clamoring to have my parole revoked and me returned to prison. They advised me to cool it and foresake my rights in the interest of not antagonizing those in Sacramento who did not like my politics. From then on, I was under constant pressure through them to keep my mouth shut and my pen still on any subject that might arouse a negative reaction in certain circles in Sacramento. Because I was violating neither any law of the land nor any rule of parole, upon being assured by my attorneys that I was strictly within my rights, I decided not to accept these warnings and continued exercising my right to free speech and to write what was on my mind.



AILED IN SACRAMENTO

The next crisis occurred two weeks later when I was arrested in Sacramento with a delegation of armed Black Panthers who visited the Capitol in this manner as a shrewd political and publicity gesture. The news media, heavily concentrated in the Capitol, gave the Black Panthers a million dollars worth of publicity and helped spread the Panther message to black people that they should arm themselves against a racist country that was becoming increasingly repressive. Although I was there as a reporter, with an assignment from my magazine, and with the permission in advance of my parole agent, I was arrested by the Sacramento police and then the parole authority slapped a "Hold" on me so that I could not get out on bail. To the surprise of both the cops and the parole authority, their investigations proved that my Press credentials were in order, that I was indeed there on an assignment, and that I had permission from my parole agent -- also, that I had been armed with nothing more lethal than a camera and a ball point pen. Still the Sacramento cops would not drop the charges and the parole authority would not lift its "Hold," until the judge, citing the obvious "mistake" on the part of the cops, released me on my own recognizance. Then magnanimously, the parole authority lifted its "Hold."



DON'T CROSS BAY BRIDGE

When I returned to San Francisco, I was again told about the clamor in Sacramento to have my parole revoked. My enemies, I was told, had stayed up all night scanning TV film footage, trying to find a shot of me with a gun in my hands. No luck. But anyhow, severe new restrictions were to be imposed. 1) I was not to go outside a seven mile area; specifically, I was not to cross the Bay Bridge. 2) I was to keep my name out of the news for the next six months; specifically, my face was not to appear on any TV screen. 3) I was not to make any more speeches. 4) And I was not to write anything critical of the California Department of Corrections or any California politician. In short, I was to play dead, or I would be sent back to prison. "All that Governor Reagan has to do," I was told, "is sign his name on a dotted line and you are dead, with no appeal." Knowing that this was true and with my back thus to the wall, I decided to play it cool and go along with them, as I didn't see what else I could do. My attorneys said that we could challenge it in court, but that I would probably have to pound the Big Yard in San Quentin for a couple of years, waiting for the court to hand down a decision. I was in a bad bag.

Things stayed like that, but after a couple of months the travel ban was lifted with all the other restrictions remaining in force.

DEFENDS HUEY

Then, on October 28, 1967, Huey Newton, Minister of Defense and leader of our Party, was shot down in the streets by an Oakland cop and was arrested and charged with the murder of one Oakland cop and the wounding of another. Bobby Seale, Chairman of our Party, was serving a six months jail sentence for the Sacramento incident and I was the only other effective public speaker that we had. A campaign to mobilize support in Huey's defense had to be launched immediately. So in November, 1967, I started making speeches again and writing in Huey's defense. The political nature of the case, and the fact that it involved a frame-up by the Oakland Police Department and the D.A.'s office, dictated that I had not only to criticize politicians but also the police. Well, helping Huey stay out of the Gas Chamber was more important than my staying out of San Quentin, so I "let my hair down" and went for broke. TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, the works. I missed no opportunity to speak out with Huey's side of the story. Mr. Rivers and Mr. Bilideau told me that the decision had already been made above to revoke my parole at the first pretext. Living thus on borrowed time, I tried to get as much done as I possibly could before time ran out.

In the latter part of December, 1967, Bobby Seale's sentence ran out and he was free to speak. Mass public support for Huey had developed. Our Party had formed a coalition with the new Peace and Freedom Party, demanding that Huey be set free. In addition, we arranged to run Huey for Congress in the 7th Congressional District of Alameda County, to run Bobby Seale for the 17th Assembly District, and, as I have mentioned, to run my wife, Kathleen, for the 18th Assembly seat in San Francisco. With such a forum and with the assurance that we had already stimulated overwhelming support for Huey, I decided to back up a little. Maybe it was possible to stay the hand of the parole authority. I cut back drastically on my public speaking.

PIGS BREAK IN

In January, the Police Departments of Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco unleashed a terror and arrest campaign against the Black Panther Party. Members of the Party were being arrested and harassed constantly. On January 15, 1968, at 3 a.m. the Special Tactical Squad of San Francisco's Police Department kicked down the door of my home, terrorizing my wife, myself, and our Party's Revolutionary Artist, Emory Douglas, who was our guest that night.



FREE HUEY RALLY

On February 17, which was Huey Newton's 26th birthday, we staged a huge rally at the Oakland Auditorium, featuring Stokely Carmichael and his first public speech following his triumphal tour of the revolutionary countries of the world, and also featuring, as a surprise guest, H. Rap Brown, along with the venerable James Foreman, who took the occasion to announce the merger of SNCC and the Black Panther Party. Held in the shadow of the Alameda County jail wherein Huey is confined, the theme of the rally was "Come See About Huey." Over 5,000 people showed up, a shattering and unequivocal demonstration of the broad support built up for the Minister of Defense. A similar rally was held in Los Angeles the next day, and altogether Stokely spent nine days in California beating the drums for Huey.

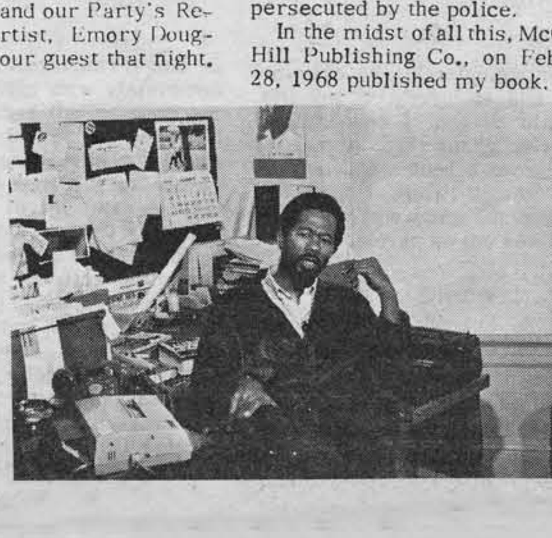
PIGS RUN AMUCK

Everytime we turned around Bobby Seale was getting arrested on frivolous, trumped up charges. On February 22, 1968, a posse of Berkeley Police kicked down Bobby's door, dragging him and his wife, Artie, from bed and arresting them on a sensational charge of conspiracy to commit murder. The same night, 6 other members of the Party were arrested on the same charge. The ridiculous charge of conspiracy to commit murder was quickly dropped, but all arrested were held to answer on various gun law violations, all of which were unfounded. All in all, during that hectic week, sixteen members of our Party were arrested gratuitously and charged with offenses that had never been committed. Although we know that we will ultimately beat all of these cases in court, they constitute a serious drain on our time, energy, and financial resources, the last of which has always been virtually non-existant.



During these hectic days, public sentiment throughout the Bay Area swung heavily in our favor because it was obvious to a blind man that we were being openly persecuted by the police.

In the midst of all this, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., on February 28, 1968 published my book, SOUL ON ICE, and a lot of publicity as a result was focused on me. By this time, my parole agent had virtually given up coming to see me, sending for me, or even calling me on the phone, a development that kept my nerves on edge. Was this the calm before the storm?



I was out of the state most of the month of March, filling TV appearances with my book, mostly in New York.

GESTAPO HITS CHURCH

On April 3, 1968, the Oakland Police Department invaded the regular meeting of our Party at St. Augustine's Church at 27th and West Street. Led by a Captain, brandishing shotguns, and accompanied by a white Monsignor and a black preacher, about a dozen of them burst through the door. Both Bobby Seale and myself were not at that particular meeting (Bobby was in L.A. and I had left minutes before the raid in response to an urgent call). Our National Captain, David Hilliard, was in charge. David said that the cops came in with their shotguns leveled, but that when they saw him in charge they looked confused and disappointed. Mumbling incoherently, they lowered their weapons and stalked out.

Father Neil, whose church it is, happened to be present to witness the entire event. Theretofore, criticism of the Police had been just that, and although he was inclined to believe that there was some validity to all the complaints, it was all still pretty abstract to him because he had never witnessed anything with his own eyes. Well, he had witnessed it now, and in his own church -- with ugly shotguns thrown down on innocent, unarmed people who were holding a quiet peaceful assembly -- Father Neil was outraged. He called a press conference next day at which he denounced the Oakland Police Department for behaving like Nazi storm troopers inside his church. However, Father Neil's press conference was upstaged by the fact that earlier in the day, his brother of the Cloth, Martin Luther King, had gotten assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. An ugly cloud boding evil settled over the nation.

A few days prior to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Marlon Brando had flown up from Hollywood to find out for himself what the hell was going on in the Bay Area. We took him to my pad and talked and argued with him all night long, explaining to him our side of the story. We had to wade through the history of the world before everything was placed in perspective and Brando could see where the Black Panther Party was coming from. When Brando split back to Hollywood, after accompanying Bobby Seale to court next day, we felt that we had gained a sincere friend and valuable ally in the struggle.



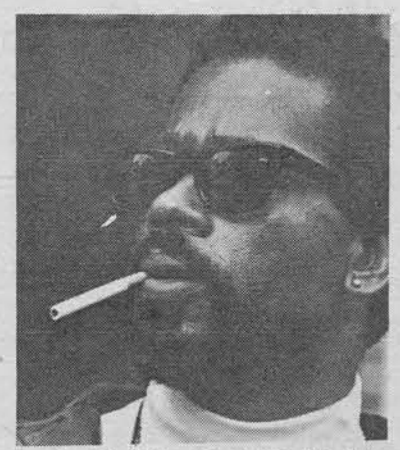
PIGS KILL LIL BOBBY

On the third night following the raid on St. Augustine's Church, members of the Oakland Police Department tried to kill me. They did kill my companion, Little Bobby Hutton, Treasurer of our Party and the first Black Panther recruited by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale when they organized the Party in October, 1966. They murdered Little Bobby in cold blood. I saw them shoot him, with fifty guns aimed at my head. I did get shot in the leg.

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#1 AFFIDAVIT OF ELDRIDGE CLEAVER



I am convinced that I was marked for death that night, and the only reason I was not killed was that there were too many beautiful black people crowded around demanding that the cops not shoot me, too many witnesses for even the brazen, contemptuous and contemptable Oakland Pigs.

PAROLE REVOKED

A few hours later, at 4 a.m. on April 7, someone somewhere in the shadowy secret world of the California Adult Authority, ordered my parole revoked. While I was still in the emergency ward of Highland Hospital, three Oakland cops kept saying to me: "You're going home to San Quentin tonight!" Before the sun rose on a new day, charged with attempted murder after watching Little Bobby being murdered and almost joining him, I was shackled hand and foot and taken by Lt. Snellgrove and two other employees of the Department of Corrections, to San Quentin. Lt. Snellgrove, whom I knew very well from my stay at San Quentin and who remembered me, looked at me and said, while we rode in the back seat of the car headed for San Quentin, "Bad night, huh?" He was not being facetious -- what else could he say -- and neither was I.

"Yeah," I said. "About the baddest yet."

Further, Affiant sayeth not.

Eldridge Cleaver
Minister of Information
Black Panther Party
California State Prison
Vacaville, California
April 19, 1968

BELOVED "LIL" BOBBY

Lil Bobby, beloved Lil Bobby
so young, yet so wise
You gave all
Your example will magnify for time eternal.
In a galaxy so illuminated, only your twinkle
can pour enough light to guide the pilot home,
for lost he be.
But for the light you give,
all would be dark,
even for those who profess to see all.
Tomorrow: No but for tomorrow you would be forgotten
and another would fall to be forgotten.
Enlightenment by example will live forever.
The supreme gift can only be given through a love supreme.
"Lil" Bobby is a love supreme.

Dynamite





"LIL" BOBBY TREASURER AND CHAIRMAN BOBBY IN SACRAMENTO

EXECUTIVE MANDATE #1

Below is the statement prepared by Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, and delivered by Bobby Seale, Chairman, of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, May 2, 1967, at the state capitol in Sacramento, California. When this statement is read carefully, it becomes obvious that all that is here is TRUTH. Knowing full well they were legally exercising their constitutional rights, the Panthers made fools of the cops who tried to take the guns away from them, and suffered the humiliation of having to give them right back. The dumb Capitol cops didn't even know their own gun laws.

Three blocks away from the capitol, the scurvy cops of Sacramento moved in and made the false arrest. This is what happens to Black men when they have not broken a law.

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENSE CALLS UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN GENERAL AND THE BLACK PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR TO TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF THE RACIST CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE WHICH IS NOW CONSIDERING LEGISLATION AIMED AT KEEPING THE BLACK PEOPLE DISARMED AND POWERLESS AT THE VERY SAME TIME THAT RACIST POLICE AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE INTENSIFYING THE TERROR, BRUTALITY, MURDER AND REPRESSION OF BLACK PEOPLE.

AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS WAGING A RACIST WAR OF GENOCIDE IN VIETNAM, THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS* IN WHICH JAPANESE AMERICANS WERE INTERNED DURING WORLD WAR II ARE BEING RENOVATED AND EXPANDED. SINCE AMERICA HAS HISTORICALLY RESERVED THE MOST BARBARIC TREATMENT FOR NON-WHITE PEOPLE, WE ARE FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT THESE CONCENTRATION CAMPS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR BLACK PEOPLE WHO ARE DETERMINED TO GAIN THEIR FREEDOM BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY. THE ENSLAVEMENT OF BLACK PEOPLE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THIS COUNTRY, THE GENOCIDE PRACTICED ON THE AMERICAN INDIANS AND THE CONFINING OF THE SURVIVORS ON RESERVATIONS, THE SAVAGE LYNCHING OF THOUSANDS OF BLACK MEN AND WOMEN, THE DROPPING OF ATOMIC BOMBS ON HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, AND NOW THE COWARDLY MASSACRE IN VIETNAM, ALL TESTIFY TO THE FACT THAT TOWARDS PEOPLE OF COLOR THE RACIST POWER STRUCTURE OF AMERICA HAS BUT ONE POLICY: REPRESSION, GENOCIDE, TERROR, AND THE BIG STICK.

BLACK PEOPLE HAVE BEGGED, PRAYED, PETITIONED, DEMONSTRATED AND EVERYTHING ELSE TO GET THE RACIST POWER STRUCTURE OF AMERICA TO RIGHT THE WRONGS WHICH HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN PERPETRATED AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE. ALL OF THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED BY MORE REPRESSION, DECEIT, AND HYPOCRISY. AS THE AGGRESSION OF THE RACIST AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ESCALATES IN VIETNAM, THE POLICE AGENCIES OF AMERICA ESCALATE THE REPRESSION OF BLACK PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE GHETTOS OF AMERICA. VICIOUS POLICE DOGS, CATTLE PRODS AND INCREASED PATROLS HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR SIGHTS IN BLACK COMMUNITIES. CITY HALL TURNS A DEAF EAR TO THE PLEAS OF BLACK PEOPLE FOR RELIEF FROM THIS INCREASING TERROR.

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF-DEFENSE BELIEVES THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR BLACK PEOPLE TO ARM THEMSELVES AGAINST THIS TERROR BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. THE PENDING MULFORD ACT BRINGS THE HOUR OF DOOM ONE STEP NEARER. A PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH FOR SO LONG AT THE HANDS OF A RACIST SOCIETY, MUST DRAW THE LINE SOMEWHERE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE BLACK COMMUNITIES OF AMERICA MUST RISE UP AS ONE MAN TO HALT THE PROGRESSION OF A TREND THAT LEADS INEVITABLY TO THEIR TOTAL DESTRUCTION.

HUEY P. NEWTON
MINISTER OF DEFENSE

(*See "Concentration Camps U.S.A." by Charles R. Allen, Jr. and "American Concentration Camps" by Boswell.)

"LIL" BOBBY WITH PANTHERS AT OAKLAND COURT HOUSE FOR FREE HUEY RALLY



ELDRIDGE "LIL" BOBBY AND CHAIRMAN BOBBY JANUARY 1968



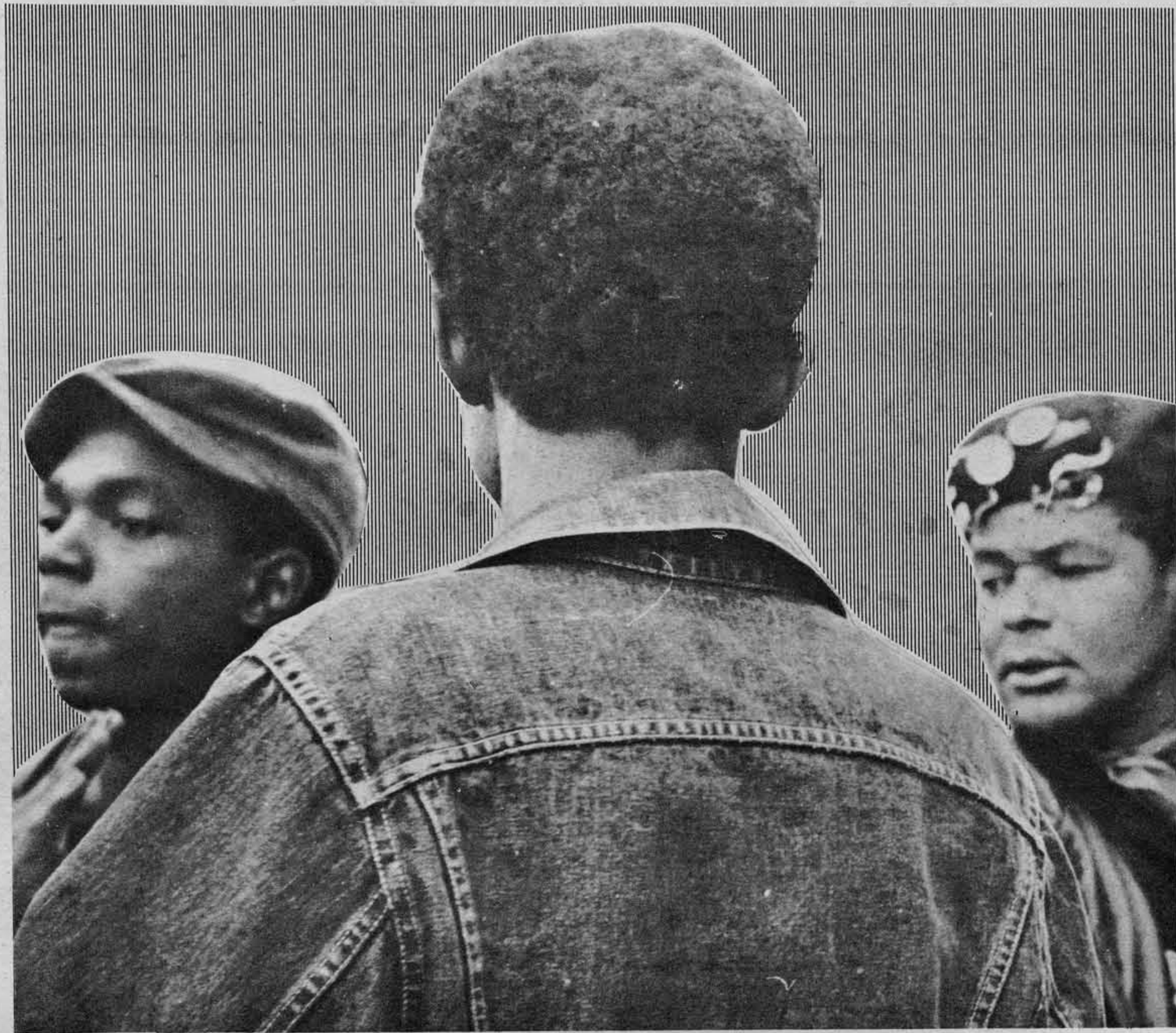
HE LOVED HUEY



LIL BOBBY AND MINISTER OF CULTURE EMORY TALK ABOUT HUEY — BOTH MARCHED ON SACRAMENTO ON MAY 2, 1967



PANTHER CHIEF OF STAFF AND "LIL" BOBBY CONFER IN FRONT OF U.C. BERKELEY



"LIL BOBBY TALKS WITH SAM AND GLEN BEFORE OAKLAND PIGS MURDERED HIM

1218 28TH ST. OAKLAND CALIF.



MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CHAIRMAN HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT HOUSE WHERE "LIL" BOBBY WAS MURDERED.



THE COMMUNITY BECOMES POLITICALLY EDUCATED



OAKLAND PIGS DESTROY EVERYTHING.

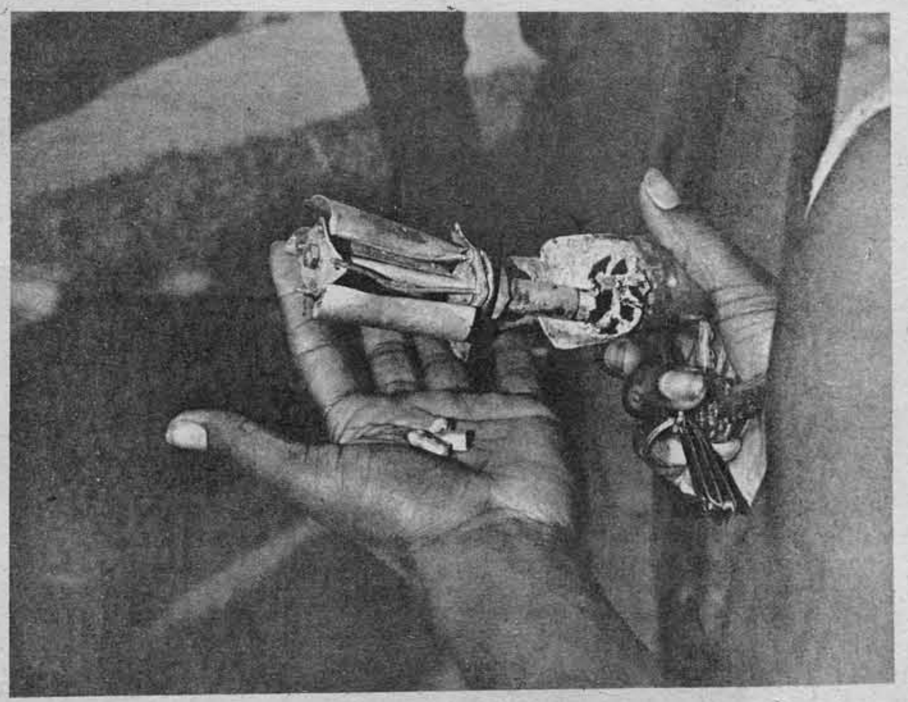


CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY LOOK AT DESTRUCTION OF THEIR HOME AND CAR BY OAKLAND PIG DEPT.

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A NEIGHBOR INSPECTS HER CAR WHICH PIGS SHOT UP



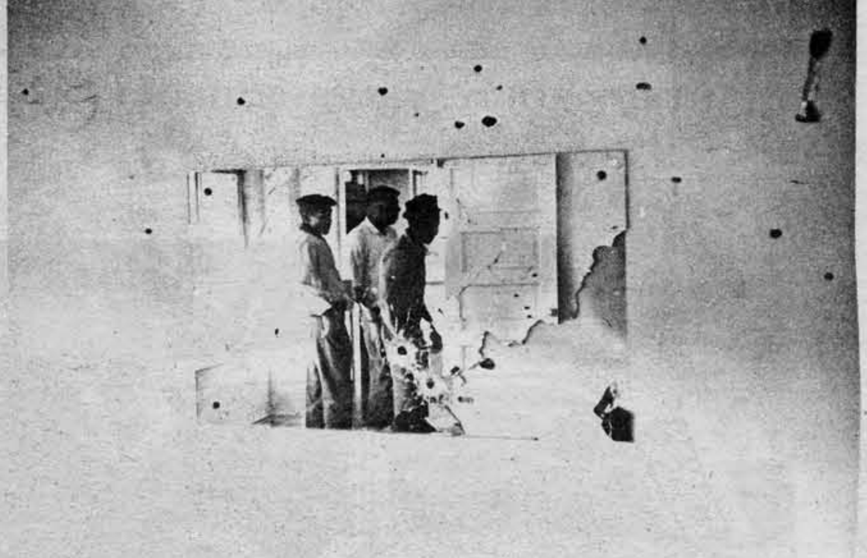
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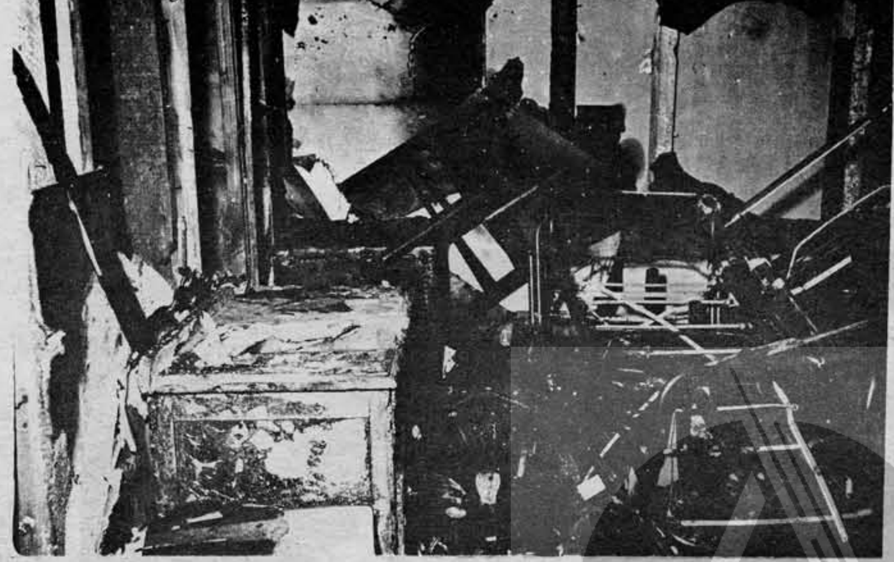
PANTHERS NEVER ATTACK ANYONE,
BUT WHEN PUSHED INTO A CORNER, WE
MUST DEFEND OURSELVES.



PART OF THE RESLUTE OF THE APRIL 6th ATTACK

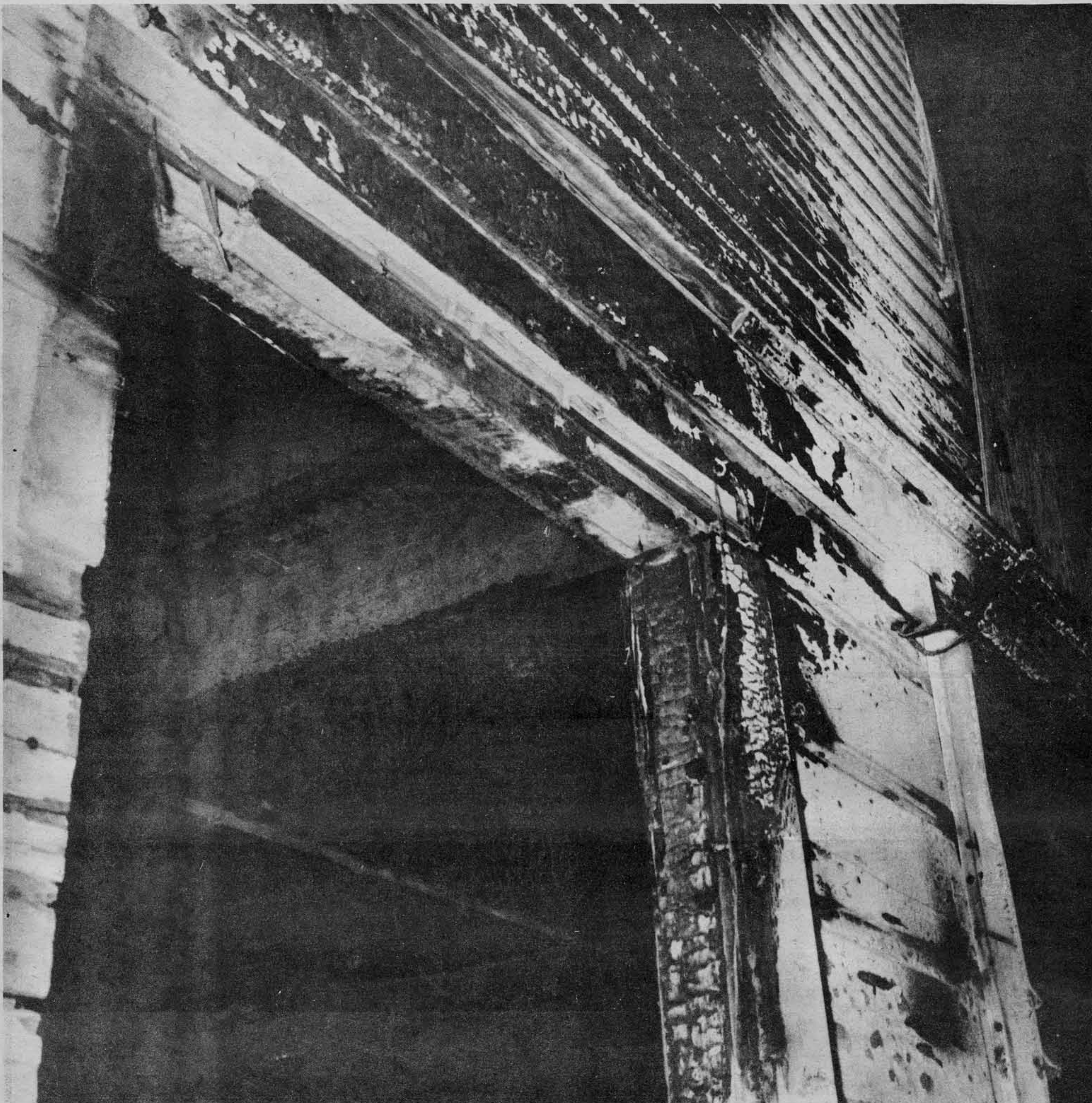


COMMUNITY PEOPLE LOOK OVER TYPICAL PIG ACTION
IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY.



THE END RESULT OF THE LOCAL PIG DEPT.

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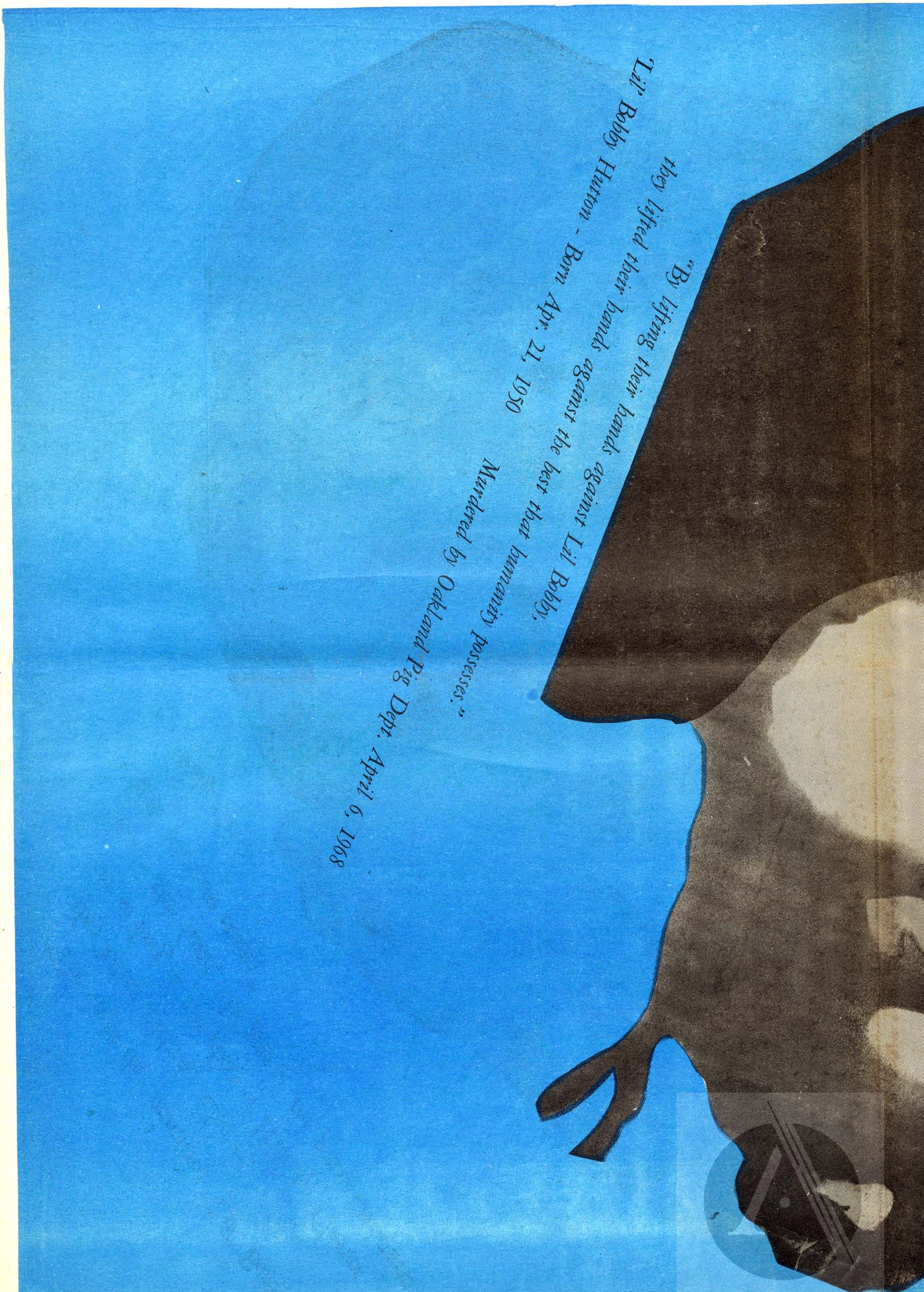
90-MINUTE GUNFIRE DID NOT KILL PANTHERS, PIGS SET HOUSE ON FIRE TO FORCE PANTHERS OUT AND MURDER "LIL" BOBBY.

"HE WAS THE BEGINNING"

HUEY P. NEWTON
MINISTER OF DEFENSE







This drawing of "Lil" Bobby was done by Jeff Scales, 15 year old revolutionary artist. This drawing is also available in poster form.

"The night they murdered "Lil" Bobby
they killed Eldridge Cleaver,
but so long as the ghost of Eldridge Cleaver
walks this land, the pigs of the power structures
will have an enemy"

Eldridge Cleaver





SERVING THE PEOPLE

The Black Panther Party is a Political party established to create revolutionary political power for Black People, and is continuing steadily to serve the people heart and soul. . . Our Cardinal Rule is:

"Have faith in the people, and faith in the party." This faith derives from an undying love for our people and the awareness of a need for a governmental eclipse. We, as the vanguard of the oppressed masses realize that we must and will serve the people heart and soul. The need and wants of the people must be fulfilled, and we as Huey P. Newton says shall be like an oxen to be ridden by the people. The exploited and oppressed people's needs are land, bread, housing, education, freedom, clothing, justice and peace, and the Black Panther Party shall not, for a single day alienate ourselves from the masses and forget their needs for survival, but instead institute to the people faith to the death.

"I'd rather be without the shame, a bullet lodged within my brain. If I were not to reach our goal let bleeding cancer torment my soul." - - - - Bunchy

It is only the people that can overthrow the present imperialistic environment that we are exposed to and only the people can institute a socialistic government that will serve them. The spirit of the People is greater than the man's technology, and that spirit will be guided by the vanguard party of this present liberation struggle.

The capitalistic, imperialistic, doggish, pimping of the people must cease by this wanton sadistic country or perish like Babylon. The people shall smash the glutton roaches running this decadent society and along with the directing of the Black Panther Party halt these running dogs and gain true liberation for all. We cannot depend upon the present government to fulfill our wants and needs. Thus more and more programs shall be set up to suffice the desires of the people and destroy the dictatorship of the burgeosie (ruling class) and its lackeys.

The Black Panther Party is for everything the enemy (U.S. imperialism) is against, and against everything the enemy is for. We believe in serving the people whole-heartedly, in a socialistic manner, not spending money like the U.S. to take hunger surveys, but to feed the people. All our actions are to the exact opposite of this hypocrisy called democracy. The Black Panther Party will continue to serve the people and fulfill their every desire, as an International united front of revolutionaries of the world, battling this mass oppression of capitalism, and imperialism.

When people call in to say they need food we do not spout a lot of superficial rhetoric, but see that they are fed.

"Our duty is to hold ourselves responsible to the people. Every word, every act, and every policy, must conform to the people's interest, and if mistakes occur, they must be corrected -- that is what being responsible to the people means. - - - - - Mao Tse Tung..

Marsha

TO ALL YOU SISTERS LIVING IN THE FILLMORE AREA, HUNTERS POINT, (NEAR HILLTOP, AND THE DOUBLE ROCK AREA)

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are asking all of you sisters and brothers in these areas, PLEASE VOLUNTEER one, two, or even three days between Monday and Friday at 6:30 to 9:00 in the morning to help cook and serve food for the children.

The Black Panther Party, as many of you know, has a program going called Breakfast for Childern. Every morning before the school children go to school, the Black Panther Party offers each child a full breakfast-as much ad he or she can eat!

An example of one of the meals usually served on Wednesday might be:

sausage	toast with butter
grits	and jelly
eggs	hot jelly

The black Panther Party intends to expand this program throughout the city of San Francisco and keep it going as long as possible. We need volunteered services from brothers and sisters to help the community.

If you are willing to volunteer a few hours of the day once or twice a week please call:

Lauryn Williams
1336 Fillmore St
922-6322
922-0095

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
BLACK POWER TO
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LETTER TO THE PARTY

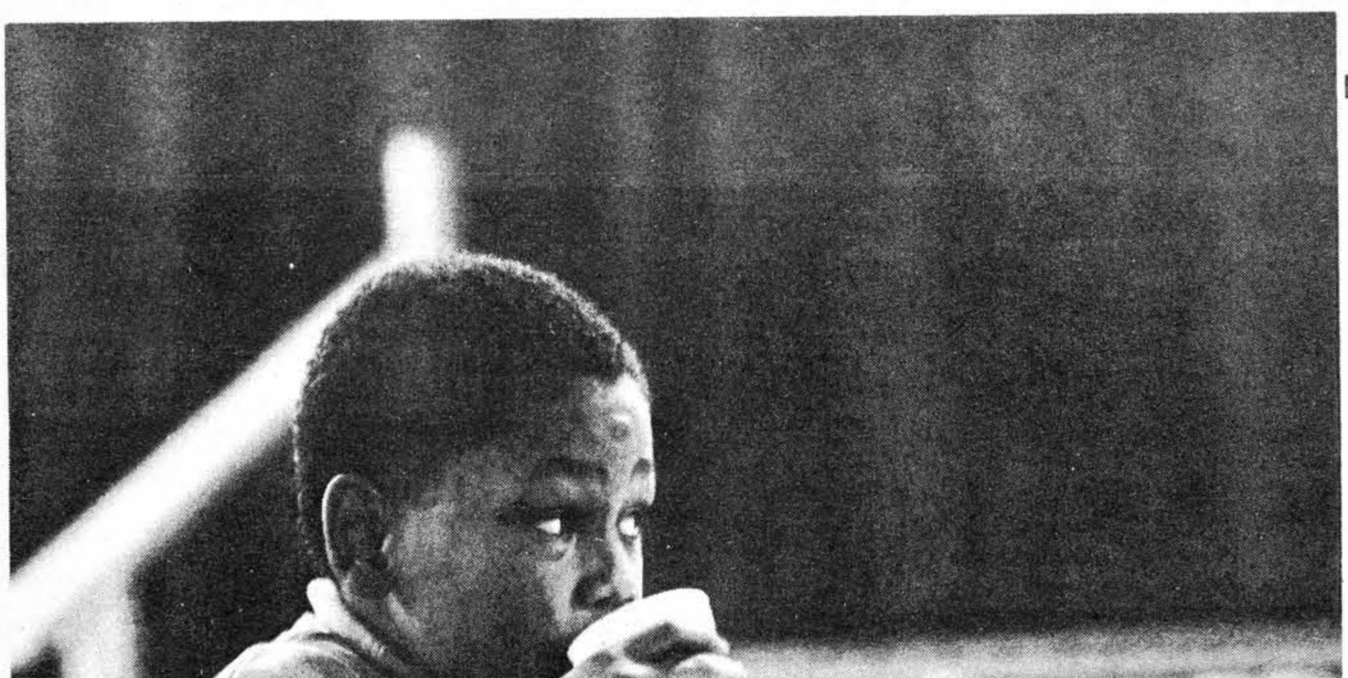
Dear Sir:

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Welfare Department and myself for your prompt decision to help Mrs. Godfrey with food. I had heard of your "Breakfast for Children" program through the social worker's Union and hoped that you might also be able to provide additional food for families in dire need.

Thank you again for your kindness and decision to help.

Very truly yours,
ALAMEDA COUNTY
WELFARE DEPARTMENT
(Miss) Helen Craddock
Child Welfare Worker





BREAKFAST EVERY DAY IS WHERE IT IS AT. . .RIGHT ON!

RACIST REACTION TO BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

School Breakfasts

EDITOR: So now the schools are going into the restaurant business. I hope I'm not around when they start the dinner bit.

What with the food stamps and all, I thought people on welfare were supposed to be eating pretty good. Of course, it is pretty tough dragging yourself out of bed early in the morning to get the kids breakfast, isn't it.

If people are not getting enough money to provide their children with breakfast, this should be the responsibility of the welfare department, not the schools. Most of us are sending our children to school to get an education, not their food. As their parents, this is our responsibility.

Don't be misled by the idea of this project being financed by the Federal Government, for we all know where that money comes from . . . the old taxpayers' pocketbook.

Why doesn't one of our lawmakers stay awake all night trying to figure out a way to benefit a few of the taxpayers. We need it. Our kids are still carrying sack lunches. We haven't graduated to buying hot lunches yet. We'll never make it to breakfast.

MRS. JOYCE F. SMITH,
Hayward.

Four Anti-War G.I.'s Thrown Into Ft. Jackson Stockade

Four GIs at Ft. Jackson, S.C., all leaders of GIs United Against the War in Vietnam, are in the stockade tonight, facing charges of "inciting to riot," "disturbing the peace," and "disrespect to an officer." The four are Pvt. Joseph Cole, Pvt. Andrew Pulley, Pvt. Jose Rudder, and Pvt. Edilberto Chaparro.

The charges apparently stem from a meeting on Thursday, March 20th. About a hundred GIs responded to a call by GIs United to come out on the barracks' lawn for a "rap session" on the war. During the meeting some officers came by and tried to harass the speakers. One sergeant told Pvt. Pulley that his shirt was not tucked in; Pulley continued talking about the war as he tucked in his shirt. Another officer told Jose Rudder he didn't like his moustache or his hair. (Jose stopped speaking and made no attempt to break up the meeting) -- although the next day they pressed charges of "inciting a riot" and "disturbing the peace."

Thursday evening seven GIs were restricted to the barracks and some of the leaders of GIs United were restricted to their rooms. At noon the next day, Friday, March 21, the Ft. Jackson Four were told to pack up all their equipment and turn it in. At two o'clock in the afternoon they were given an armed escort to the stockade. The Three charges against them were read to Company B-14-4 in their evening formation. Several other GIs active in GIs United have been threatened with "conspiracy" charges.

GIs on base have responded with indignation to the sudden jailings.

GIs United today issued a Communique to inform their fellow soldiers of what has happened and rally their support for the imprisoned Ft. Jackson Four. This statement demands the immediate release of the four prisoners and pledges a continued drive for full constitutional liberties for all GIs.



OAKLAND 7 NOT GUILTY

All seven members of the Oakland seven, a group of progressive white students, that were charged with a great number of so-called crimes involved with last years anti-war protest at the Oakland Army induction center. They were charged with every thing from spitting on the sidewalk,' to aggravating a pig to the point of trying to kill them.

The lack of foundation for the charges plus the brilliant work of legal genius, Charles R. Garry, gave the judge and jury no other choice but to find the Oakland seven not guilty.

Dynamite

Rap Brown Law Put to Use By Power Structure

NEW YORK (LNS) -- The federal government has escalated its anti-movement offensive. A federal grand jury in Chicago has indicted 17 people for their activities during last August's Democratic Convention. And more indictments are likely to come.

In a transparent if fascinating move eight of those indicted are cops. Balancing them off on the scale of justice are eight "leaders" of the radical movement, and, standing aloof, a representative from the objective press.

But the government's balancing act is a less than convincing performance. The cops are obviously scapegoats (Rennie Davis has even offered them legal assistance). For balance at least Hubert Humphrey, Mayor Daley and the Chicago chief of police.

One cop is charged with perjury and the rest with assault. The movement group is charged with "travelling in interstate commerce to incite a riot." The law was passed last year when the darkies were getting uppity; this is the first time it has been used. Bond for at least one of the inciters, Tom Hayden, if $10,000. Bond for the cops is $1,000 each.

Inidcitee member 17 if Enid Toth, a news director for NBC. She supposedly planted a mike in a room where the Democratic Platform committee was meeting. Illegal electronic eavesbropping is her rap.

Surprises abound in President Nixon's latest law 'n orner move. Like a week before the indictments were announced, the Chicago Sun-Times, tuned in to sources in the know, said the indictments wouldn't happen. And back on March 13, Fred Graham wrote in the dependable. New York Times:

". . . seveal militant leaders, including the Yippie, Jerry Rubin, not be indicted as planned for violating the federal anti-riot laws during thdisturbances at the Democratic National Convention . . .

"The government has admitted in connection with a contempt of Congress case that it overheard Mr. Rubin on a 'national security' device, and it is now known that others who would have been indicted have been overheard over devices that are too sensitive to disclose."

Speculation that the indictments (which followed extensive grand jury hearings) wouldn't happen grew out of a recent Supreme Court decision. The Court ruled that, when electronic surveillance is used in evidence against a defendent, the entire transcript of tapped conversations must be made available. It's kind of confusing, but it amounts to this: the government does a lot of bugging that's not on the up-and-up. Now, they can't use anything as evidence unless they're willing to show all their cards.

But, for whatever reason, they decided to go ahead and make their move. Exactly what game they're playing is a bit of a mystery. It could be a propaganda move, to satiate the repression freaks -- destined to drag on and on, bouncing from one court to another. Or it could be a dead-serious attempt to smash the movement once and for all. To put the leaders in jail and get everyone else bogged down in defense committees.

Certainly the most cryptic matter is the inclusion of Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, among the eight. Seale was in Chicago for less than 24 hours, giving one speech. He was nowhere among the organizers of the anti-convention actions. Placing him on the list can do nothing but institutionalize the growing solidarity between white radicals and a large segment of the black community. Why Nixon would want to solidify our ranks is certainly a puzzle.

The choice of Seale could point to the heavy-hand theory. They want to smash the movement, and consider Seale a key figure to liquidate. They've got Huey in jail, Eldridge is gone. In their eyes, Bobby's the only one left.

Including Seale on the list spoiled a government PR coup. The riot bill was undeniably directed at the black community. Using it against whites first was certainly a cool move. But adding Seale (at the last minute -- it was a surprise even to insiders) is such an obvious setup job that their racism stands out even more sharply.

So far, the media has played down Seale's indictment. The Times did no more than identify him in the middle of the list as a "leader of the Black Panther organization."

Most of those indicted were no surprise. They included Yippees Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman, Liberation Magazine editor David Dellinger, and Tom Hayden and Rennie Davis, both former SDS leaders and long-time movement activists. The other two -- John Froins and Lee Weiner -- are media unknowns. Froins is an assistant chemistry prof at the University of Oregon and Weiner is a graduate student at Northwestern.

An additional group of 12 has been named as "co-conspirators," though they have not received indictments. They are Wolfe Lowenthal, Sidney Peck, Kathy Boudin, Connie Brown, Benjamin Radford, Brad Fox, Tom Neuman, Craig Shukiram, Dave Baker, Stu Alpert, Corina Fales, and Bea Taylor.

U.S. Attorney Thomas A. Foran has cued us to look for more indictments. Some could be plucked out of the group of "co-conspirators", but indications are that there will be new names.

Rallies are already happening around the country. The defense group has been tagged The Conspiracy. Dellinger said: "We are people whose work against war, poverty, racism, corporation and military power is being called a conspiracy. We are proud of this work. We will continue it. We invite all Americans to join The Conspiracy, helping us to build a society in which people have control over their lives."

How the movement reacts is crucial. A strong imaginative political defense could help to pull the movement together at a time when it can use some togetherness. One movement activist put it this way: It could be the political trial of the century, or we get stomped.

OAKLAND AND ALAMEDA COUNTY'S TORTURE CHAMBER

Attorney Charles R. Garry personally inspected the so-called disciplinary cells in the Alameda County jail in which one of his clients was being held. His client Warren Wells was being held in one of these isolation cells for five days for fighting. He also got an additional five days for having a burned match in his cell.

In addition to this, Wells was fed only three peanut butter sandwiches a day, with water. He is not allowed to take showers. He once complained about having bugs and they sprayed him with some type of chemical.

Charles Garry filed a petition with a judge to get Wells out of the torture cell. Wells is being held pending a second trail on charges of attempted murder steming from an attack on the Black Panther Party, April 6th, 1968, by the Oakland Pig Department in which "Lil" Bobby Hutton was murdered.

Wells' first trial ended in a hung jury. The Oakland pigs don't intend to see him servive a second trial.

SILENCE COURT STYLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (LNS) -- After sentencing Emil Kangas to three years of imprisonment for destroying his draft card, the kindly San Francisco Court then offered a choice between serving the full term or being released on probation after four months -- provided he would accept certain conditions.

The conditions? "That he live alone unless probation officials had a hand in selecting his living companions, and renounce any direct or indirect part in anti-draft demonstrations or activities."

Kathleen Cleaver At Mills College

Kathleen Cleaver, Communications Secretary of the Black Panther Party, addressed a rally of 400 women at Mills College (an exclusive girls college in Oakland), March 21, 1969. After which a number of students proceeded to confront the President of the college, Robert J. Wert, in his office, concerning the right to 'self-determination' in the form of an autonomous Ethnic Studies Department designed to include black studies.

After nearly an hour of confrontation President Wert retreated into another office to gather his forces, after which he called a mandatory faculty meeting.

After resolving a contradiction regarding wording in one of the demands, a secret ballot was cast and the faculty approved the demands, 41-13. (The demands still have to be approved by the President of the college and the College Trustees before it can be implemented.)

The sisters having formed an effective working coalition, with non-members of the black community, are putting the college administration up against the wall.

Now all that remains to be done is to get the trustees and President's approval, so that the sisters can have the type of education dealt with in #5 of the 10-point platform and program of the Black Panther Party - "We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present day society." RIGHT ON!!!





FASCIST TACTICS

The jive pigs have begun to carry out orders to attempt to exterminate the vanguard of the liberation movement in Kansas City, Missouri, Last week on March 20 and 21, 1969, two of the Panther leadership in Kansas City were indicted by the federal grand jury on repressive firearms charges. These charges are part of the increasing efforts of the racist dog power structure to silence, imprison, and kill those black men and women who attempt to smash this repressive capitalist system and institute a new communalistic order through which everyone benefits.

Captain J. C. Sims was indicted on March 20 for a false statement he made in order to purchase a firearm. The other charge was possession of a firearm by a felon. This two-count indictment replaces a previous 4-count indictment that also covered possession of ammunition. The devils that make up the judicial system are working closely with the pig FBI and uniformed local pigs to entrap Panthers in deadly situations. Justification of any act committed by a Pig or lackey of the dog system comes about after entrapment of a Panther and the rôles of victim and aggressor are reversed. Through the mass media's shitty coverage of the case, Captain J. C. is made out to be the aggressor and this white supremacist rapist nation acquires a dubious "sanctity" and is therefore cast as the victim. Despite these dirty dealings and provocations, the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, is hip to what's going on and at the same time is keeping the shit out in the open where everybody in the Black Community can smell it. And now the shit is getting very rank.

Brother Bill Whitfield, our Deputy Minister of Information, was indicted and arrested on Friday, March 21, on basically the same charges as J. C. Bill was charges with making a false statement to purchase a rifle.

His arrest was typical of the Police Brutality that goes on constantly in this redneck city. As Bill was at home talking on the phone with Deputy Chairman Pete O'Neal, the Pigs came by to arrest Bill. Bill immediately warned Pete to tighten up security around headquarters while he dealt with this situation. His door was unlocked and as Bill raced to lock the door the Pigs kicked in. They pushed his household items as they ransacked his home, tore Panther posters off his walls, rifled through and read many personal letters, crawled through his attic, and then they arrested him. After all this shit went down he was taken to federal courthouse and then released on $5,000 bond.

The Black Community is very aware of the repression that the BLACK PANTHER PARTY is taking in their behalf. And their eyes are slowly coming open to the fact that whatever injustice is perpetrated on the black man is likewise perpetrated on all Black People at the same time and it must be dealt with by any means necessary. What J. C. and Brother Bill are going through now is just a taste of what the Pigs could do if our community still tries to intergrate with them. Human beings cannot intergrate with animals!!

This new federal firearms law that is giving us so much trouble is nothing but another means of repression against black people. White people will never feel the force of this law because they make the laws for their own benefit. The Minutemen in Missouri (their national headquarters is at Norbonne) won't feel it, the Ku Klux Klan won't feel it, individual racist dogs won't feel it and they mamas won't feel it. But Black People will definitely feel the agony of repression is such laws are allowed to frighten and imprison us. The BLACK PANTHER PARTY is making the community aware of what goes down concerning this gun law and laws such as the McCARRAN ACT which is designed to put "niggers" in concentration camps when the conflict gets red hot. These are fascist, police state tactics and the liberation movement must prevail.

by: Keith Hinch
Deputy Minister of Education

STORM TROOPERS NEEDED

The big hog in the Oakland pig power structure Mayor Thomas Reading is asking that the storm troopers or the national guard be brought in to help the Oakland gestapo police force, deter crime in the streets of East Oakland.

It seems that the main reason for this reactionary movement is that some little pigs who are members of the big hog's family and members of the family of chief pig Thomas Cahill have been mugged and robbed in East Oakland. Isn't it a crying shame that those same pigs who have been robbing and murdering Black people under so-called legal procedures are getting some of their own medicine.

These same racist pigs who now are saying they need help, didn't need any help last year in April to murder a seventeen year old member of the Black Panther Party named Bobby Hutton. A grand jury made up of racist honkies defined this genocidal act as justifiable homicide. It would seem that murder of Black people by racist pigs, robbery of Black people by the white avaricious businessman and the complete dehumanization of a colonized nation of Black people is merely a way of life in this m-----f---ing society.

At this point I would like to ask the question why they haven't called in the national guard to protect Black people and White radical students from the atrocities perpetrated on them by the racist pig department? This question relates to absurdity and I only interjected it to show how absurd and assinine this system is.

The real reason behind Reading's reasoning is that he is afraid, as is the whole pig department of a unified Black people, who in the word of Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, "the racist dog policeman must withdraw immediately from our communities, cease their wanton murder and brutality and torture of Black people or face the wrath of the armed people."

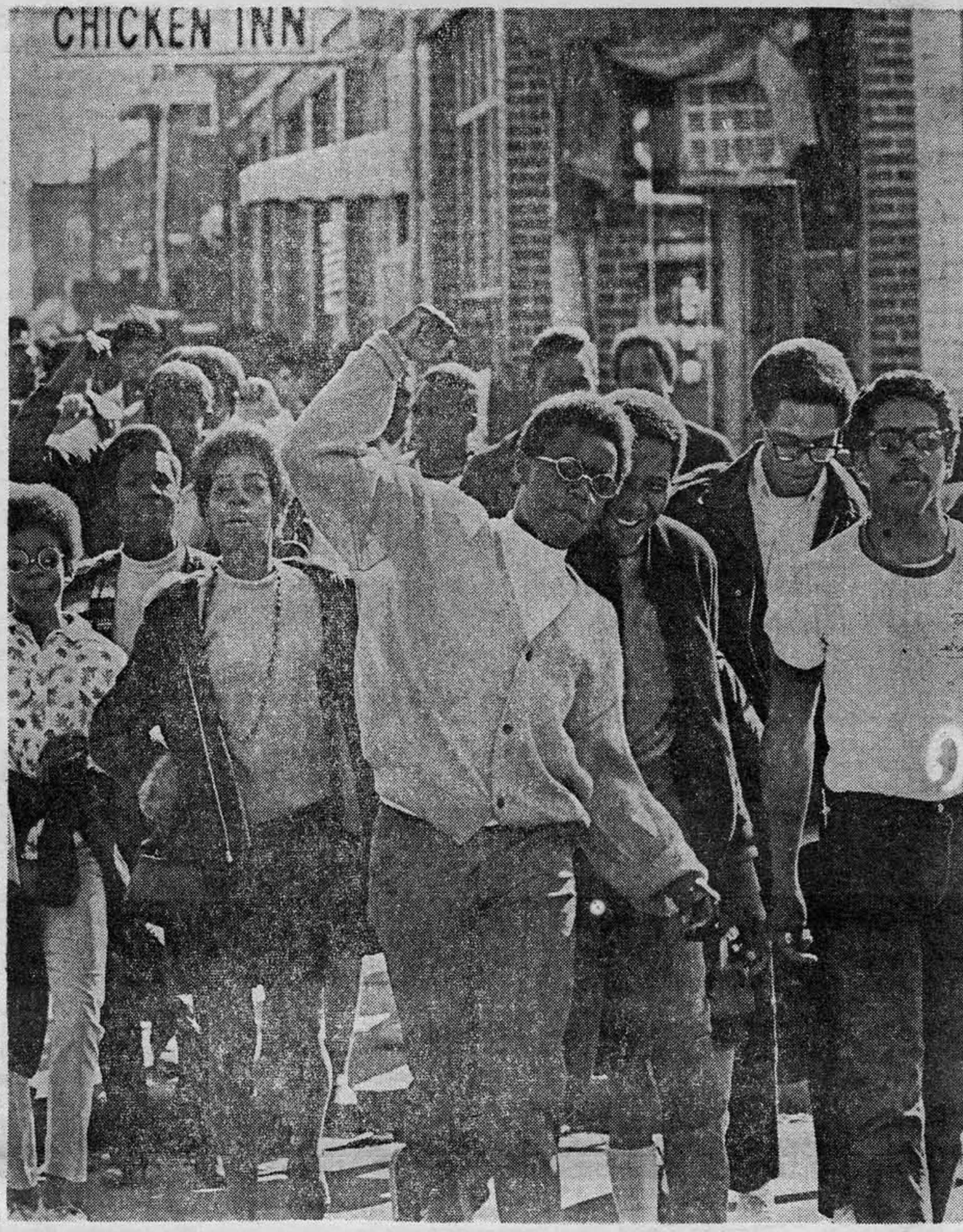
In essence the handwriting on the wall has been seen by Mayor snout face Reading and he's shook up. He seems to feel that by calling in the national guard with all their technical machines of war they'll be able to suppress and oppress Black people under the guise of this so called "law and order" that the establishment is always espousing.

What I would suggest to Reading and Cahill is that they put on their killer uniforms and go out to East Oakland and protect their own damn families and if they do I hope you two racist running dog m-----f-----s get killed.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Bobby Herron

DENVER PANTHERS SUPPORT CHICANO DEMANDS



The Denver Branch of the Black Panther Party, led by Lauren Watson, fully supported the demands of the Chicano students at Denver's West High School. Realizing that it is of paramount importance for school administration and curriculum to be responsive to the needs of the student body, the Chicano students made the following demands:

1. The West include the teaching of Chicano culture and language.
2. That the school dismiss Shafer for "racist" teachings.
3. That no student involved in a boycott of classes be removed from the school.
4. That bilingual education, from elementary school through college, be used in Colorado public schools.
5. That the West High neighbornood have its own school board.
6. That Chicano literature be provided in the school library.
7. That teachers become more aware of the social and economic problems of the West High neighborhood.
8. That teachers refrain from counseling Chicanos to join the armed forces.
9. That class sizes at West be reduced and that team teaching methods be introduced in the school.

The demands of the Chicano students were presented to the school administration on Wednesday, March 19th, but the administration merely ignored the demands. On Thursday, March 20th, about 200 students walked out of West to protest the racist attitude of Harry B. Shafer, a social science teacher. The students began to hold a protest rally across the street from the school and were soon joined by approximately 500 more supporters.

The Denver pigs were called in to suppress the demonstration by utilizing their favorite toys mace and billy clubs. The pigs found no non-violent heads to beat because as soon as they started spraying mace and swinging their clubs, the students asserted their right to self-defence and drove the pigs from the scene of the demonstration. As usual the pigs called for reinforcements and claimed to be the victims of unprovoked attacks. When the pigs got their reinforcements they were still rendered impotent by the appearance of reinforcements for the students in the persons of Lauren Watson, Denver's Black Panther leader, and Corky Gonzales, head of the Mexican - American Crusade for Justice. The revolutionary spirit of the students had won the day.

As soon as the administration saw that the students weren't jiving, the administration began to meet the just demands of the Chicano students. The demand for the transfer of the racist teacher, Harry B. Shafer, which had earlier been ignored, was granted right after the students began to fight for their rights.

Later Thursday night at the Crusade for Justice Hall, nearly 500 people heard Corky Gonzales and Lauren Watson denounce the systematic oppression of the people. Corky Gonzales said that he realized that the students had risked going to jail, but he said, "I would rather see a boy go to jail for a cause than see him go to Golden (reformatory) for little things like violating the curfew. Wouldn't you rather see your people go to jail for standing up for what they know is right, for a revolutionary act, than for staying out too late..."

"Police are not our masters, but our servants. The schools don't belong to the administrators and teachers they belong to the people." said Gonzales. Gonzales said that racist teacher Harry B. Shafer had remarked to students and other teachers that "Hispanos are stupid because their parents are stupid." Hispanos is a term that the establishment has chosen for Chicanos much like the establishment has chosen the term "negro" for Black people.

Lauren Watson arrived at the Crusade Hall with 10 Panther brothers and sisters and received a 15-minute standing ovation before being allowed to speak. Watson compared the Crusade for Justice with the Vietnamese National Liberation Front and said that their desire for control of their institutions was a proper one. (35 per cent of the students at West are Chicano.) Watson said, "They can call the pigs and the national guard from all over the state and they won't have as many pigs as we have people .. and when the sun goes down we will show them our technology." Watson further stated that no studies program would have meaningful impact while the campus was still occupied by pigs. Watson received loud applause and was told that many Chicanos were happy to see Zapata on the front cover of the March 9th Black Panther Paper. Revolutionary people must unite and overthrow the ruling minority.

REVOLUTIONARY "BLACK CAUCUS" MOVES ON MUNI RAILWAY POLITICS

On March 20, 1969, the "Black Caucus" was introduced to the membership and the "pig" leadership of Muni-Railway's local 250-A in San Francisco. This was the first time that a "Black Caucus" had been formed in the interest of Black and Third world busdrivers in the bay area transportation systems.

The Black Caucus was formed out of dissatisfaction of how the jobs of the busdrivers in San Francisco had been jeopardized for a 150 staff and miscellanious employees who are nothing but parasites of local 250-A.

The black caucus is also fully aware of the smooth politics used by the power structure to fool the busdrivers into thinking that the intimadated strike was in the name of unity of the local 250-A.

But on the night of March 20th the Black Caucus showed the membership (on the union meeting floor) that the executive board and the president, who is a (Knee-Grow) opportunist. Are not in any way adhering to the needs of the busdrivers in San Francisco, nor the people who depend on that transportation daily.

Their (busdrivers) working conditions haven't changed. They are still driving out dated and unsafe equipment. The schedules that the bus drivers go by are many years behind other cities with the same or similar traffic problems as San Francisco. And the drivers are constantly told that new busses are on the way. The last arrival date of the new bus told to us, is the latter part of April or early May. The drivers are waiting, and it's for sure that the people are also waiting.

We of the "Black Caucus" family believe that a stand must be taken to stop these promises for better transportation, and inform the "people" of these tricks to minimize the complaints from the public and the bus-drivers themselves of the poor equipment that's used in the city's transportation system.

The "Black Caucus" stands firmly with Bobby Seale (Chairman of the Black Panther Party) that the desires and needs of the people must be met NOW!!

Cpl Wilbert
San Francisco Branch
B. P. P.

Power to the membership
Power to the Black Caucus
Panther Power to the Vanguard
All power to the People

A HISTORIC REVOLUTIONARY LABOR CONFERENCE -- HEAR THE LEADING REVOLUTIONARIES OF TODAY.

On Saturday evening, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. there will take place at the Black Church on 42nd and Grove in Oakland, a conference that could be the historic breakthrough we've been working toward: a Black community-worker alliance. The conference has been called by the UAW Black Panther Caucus, Fremont, to explore the possibilities and negotiate for an alliance between the Black Panther Party and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers of Detroit's vast industrial complex of exploitation. The Revolutionary Union Movement began with a successful strike at the Detroit Dodge plant last summer and spread rapidly to many other auto plants througout the area, Chrysler, General Motors, Ford, etc. This is the workers' vanguard of the revolution -- the end of exploitation of man by man; the beginning of men and women working for their own enrichment, not to swell the profits of the rich, but to enrich the minds and bodies of themselves and their children.

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HISTORIC MEETING

HEAR -- BOBBY SEALE, National Chairman, Black Panther Party

HEAR -- DAVID HILLIARD, Chief of Staff, Black Panther Party

HEAR -- MASAI, Political Theorist of the Black Panther Party

Introducing to the Bay Area, John Watson, member of the Central Staff League of Revolutionary Black Workers, editor of Wayne State U's controversial paper, THE SOUTH END, which has succeeded in arousing the violent wrath of Detroit's anti-union element to the tune of threats and anti-Watson rallies.

Tying it all together will be Kenny Horston, Director of The Panther Caucus, UAW, Fremont.

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A NEW MINORITY: ROCKEFELLER PAYS NO TAXES

"Growing up as a Rockefeller I lived with a tag," complained Hope Aldrich Rockefeller Spencer, daughter of John D. Rockefeller III, "just like a Jew or a Negro."

Her daddy, the family's chief philanthropist, comments on another peculiarity of being a Rockefeller: "He does not have to pay income taxes because of his large charitable donations, but he voluntarily gives some money away."

The head of the country's richest family pays absolutely no income tax unless he feels like it. The secret? The family fortune is hidden behind a battery of non-commercial foundations and over 75 charitable family trusts which insulate the Rockefellers from the ravages of the Internal Revenue.

PIGS SHOOT TWO STUDENTS

A strike by cafeteria workers at a black state college, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University at Greensboro, had brought on a battle between students and police on March 14. Police used tear gas to disperse a student demonstration supporting the cafeteria workers. Later that night, police claim to have exchanged gunfire with snipers on the campus. Two students were shot by the cops.



"HEAL THE WOUNDED, RESCUE THE DYING, PRACTICE REVOLUTIONARY HUMANITARIANISM"

Chairman Mao teaches us to "heal the wounded, rescue the dying, practise revolutionary humanitarianism." The chinese medical team has conscientiously put this great instruction into practice. Whenever a critically ill patient is brought in, they would, so long as there was a ray of hope, spare no effort to save his life. So far, they have brought almost 100 working people back to life from the brink of death.

One day last July, a woman in her thirties by the name of Merymosha from Masasi village in the south came to the Chinese medical team. She had been suffering intensely from a big tumor in the abdomen for eight years. She had gone to hospitals run by missionaries from the west, but the doctors there all asserted that it was a hopeless case. Now she came to the Chinese doctors with the last ray of hope. After careful examination, the Chinese doctors in Nachingwea Hospital diagnosed her case to be myoma of the uterus.

Before the operation, the Chinese medical personnel studied anew Chairman Mao's brilliant works -- the "three constantly read articles." In accordance with Chairman Mao's teaching that "strategically we should despise all our enemies, but tactically we should take them all seriously," they again carefully examined the patient, conscientiously discussed among themselves problems that might arise in the course of the operation and ways and means to cope with them, and made full preparations for the operation.

The operation was performed by the Chinese medical personnel in close cooperation with their Tanzanian colleagues. It lasted more than six hours. A tumor weighing 12.5 pounds was successfully removed.

When Merymosha was discharged from the hospital little more than two weeks later, the Chinese medical personnel took her home in their car. She told her family and neighbours, who were overjoyed to see her return in good health: "I thank Chairman Mao who has sent the Chinese medical team here."

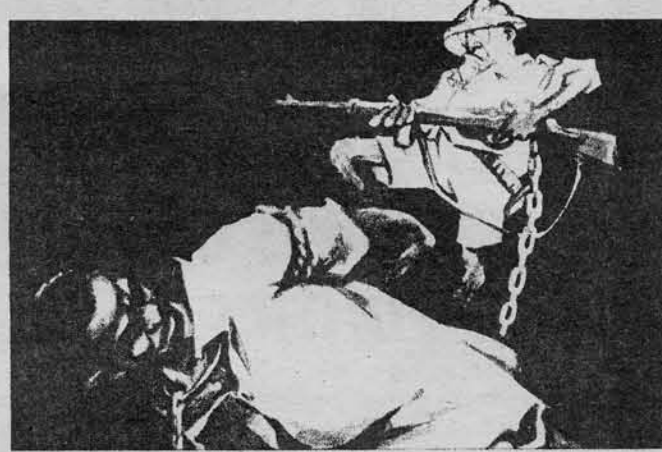
SITUATION OF THAI PEOPLE'S ARMED STRUGGLE IS BECOMING BETTER & BETTER THROUGH CORRECT ORIENTATION

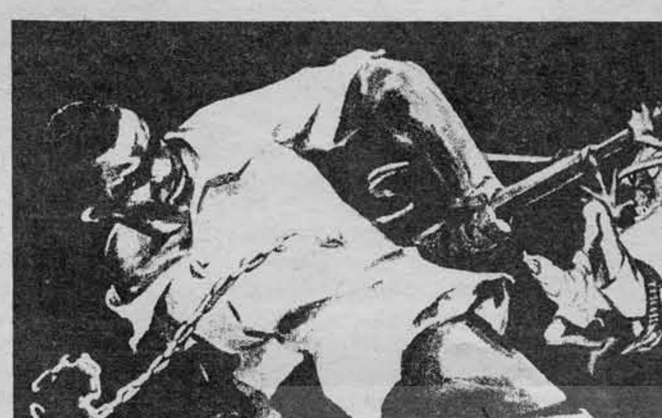
Under the leadership of the Communist Party of Thailand which is grasping Mao Tse-tung's thought, the highest peak of Marxism-Leninism in our eara, the Thai people have chosen the road of armed struggle. This is the only road to get rid of the U.S. imperialist occupation, overthrow its lackey the traitorious Thanom-Praphas clique and to liberate our motherland. Under the guidance of this correct orientation, the Thai people's armed forces have marched from victory to victory.

On the basis of the victories scored in the past years, the Thai people's armed forces won greater victories in 1968. They fought more than 700 battles against the troups and police of the U.S. - Thanom clique in the guerrilla zones consisting of 110 districts in 31 provinces out of 71 provinces throughout the country, killing or wounding 1450 enemies, shooting down or destroying 25 enemy planes of various types, destroying tens of enemy military vehicles and armoured trucks and capturing a large number of military materials. In addition, the people's armed forces also sent their armed propaganda teams to the villages in the enemy-occupied areas to do propaganda work among the masses, mobilize them and organize them on 110 occasions. They sentenced to death 130 most heinous secret agents and local officials.

The people's armed forces of Si Sa ket province (515 km northeast of Bangkok) in the northeast region ambushed a police unit in Kantharalak district on January 13, 1969, inflicting some losses upon the enemy. Si Sa Ket province has become the tenth province which has unfolded armed struggle among the 15 provinces in this region, thus the armed struggle has been expanded to 33 provinces throughout the country.

THE ANATOMY OF EXTERMINATION







Why did the Jews allow themselves to be led to the slaughter house like sheep? In Europe many Jews of the younger generation who had not known Nazism ask the same question.

The fact is that in the world of concentration camps whether on a small scale such as housing projects or on a larger scale such as giant detention camps located outside the cities, all the people behave identically, a conditioning process carefully worked out by the S.S. as is being worked out here in America by the racist institutions that we know as welfare, poverty programs Black Capitalism, church, news media and perverted education, and judical injustices.

In 1947, in Les Jours de Notre Mort, Rousset wrote; The Triumph of the S.S. required that the tortured victim allowed himself to be led to the gallows without protesting, that he repudiate and abandon himself to the point he ceased to affirm his identity . . . (such as the negro) There is nothing more terrible than these processions of human beings going to their death like dummies--hundreds of thousands of them.

No Black People, Genocide is not impo sible, as a matter of fact with such advanced technology it is very very possible, and since you have served your usefulness it is very probable.

You are living in a pressure cooker where aggregates of individuals who share a common way live in a depressed state. They show behavior in which they become enemies to one another and therfore enemies to themselves.

As long as the workers remain isolated within their class the employers have every opportunity to exploit them. The skill of this racist dog is being used to divide the people and to prevent any aggresiveness to overthrow his exploitation. That is where he employs his tools called Black Capitalism and the pig. The same tools (amoung many more) he uses to rob and corrupt and murder the other countries of colour.

The phases that his racist government is going through is exactly the same bullshit that racist German pigs pulled on the Jews, and is as follows; The operation proceeds in two phases. The first stage was the relocation of the Jews in a certain number of ghettos, (does that word sound familiar to you?) Are you hep to housing projects springing up all over the United States? And relocation centers out in secluded sections of the country. "Know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."

The second stage was the gradual liquidation of the ghettos thus created . . . According to the "technicions", the Jews, being an inferior would let themselves be massacred without resistance.

Wake up niggas take a look at the shit again, take a look at the shit being poured into the Black communities. The liquidation has begun. Oh no? What the fuck you think birth control is all about? Why do you think that percentagewise more black brothers are dying in these moneyhungry genocidle wars than white people? Why do you think that the prisons are overflowing with black people?

The trip is to institutionalize the people; the game is to pacify and divide the people, there-by preparing the bed for mass extermination.

The Jews never defended themselves, never revolted. The most piteous saw them as a punishment from God, the others as natural phenomenon. They heard the truth but didn't even weigh it for it's worth. Just as you are doing when you say you won't even get yourself together JUST IN CASE. If those six-million Jewish people were armed and also politically aware, then I doubt if they would have perished so easily. There is a different difference between 40 million un-armed black people and 40 million black people armed to the teeth. (Quotation from Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, B.P.P.)

TO BE CONTINUED
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MOZAMBIQUE GUERRILLAS DETERMINED TO CARRY ARMED STRUGGLE THROUGH TO END

Dar es Salaam, March fifteenth (Hsinhua correspondent) -- The Mozambique people, long subjected to ruthless oppression and exploitation by the Portugese colonalists, have, with deep national hatred, valiantly taken up arms against the wicked colonialist and won one victory after another. A guerrilla fighter said with resolution: "The enemy slaughters us Mozambique people with the gun. We too must take up the gun to drive him out our land."

Wealth piled up on human skeletons.

Mozambique guerrilla fighters have firm conviction in the truth expounded by chairman Mao, the great leader of the Chinese people: "The evil system of colonialism and imperialism arose and throve with the enslavement of negroes and the trade in negroes, and it will surely come to its end with the complete emancipation of the black people."

Fighter J. J. Graverinha said: "Ever since the Portuguese colonialists invaded Mozambique in 1498, they have sent our forbears by shiploads to the Americas and other places like animals and sold them as slaves. The colonalists amassed fabulous wealth from slave-trafficing while countless slaves were tormented to death abroad." He added furiously: The wealth of the colonialists has been piled up on the skeletons of the African people. We shall never forget this tragic history."

Apart from forcing the Mozambique people to work as slaves in the estates of the whites, the Portuguese colonialist authorities have engaged in disguised slave traffic, exporting "labourers" to South Africa and Southern Rhodesia under the rule of the white racists. The number of Mozambique "labourers" forcibly sent to South Africa according to an agreement amounts to more than 100,000 each year. The Portugese colonialist authorities receive a hugh amount of foreign exchange from the mine-owners in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia every year by trafficing in "labourers".

A guerrilla fighter said that the "labourers" sold to South Africa by the Portuguese colonialist authroities become in reality the slaves of the South African racists. Living on meagre wages, they lead an inhuman life of hunger and cold. When they become unfit for work through physical exhaustion, they are lucky if they can manage to return to their homeland, though penniless. But once home, they have to pay taxes to the Portuguese colonial officials; otherwise they will be forced to do "corvee services." When someone dies abroad, the members of his family have to pay a heavy "death tax" to have his name struck off the census register. Otherwise, they have to go on paying the "poll tax" for the dead or do hard labour.

Bloody massacre and persecution

To maintain their criminal rule, the Portuguese colonialists carry out frenzied persecution and brutal massacre against the Mozambique people. They rape, loot, kill and burn at will and even resort to such barbarous practices as disembowelment, taking out the heart, burying alive and buring to death.

The Mozambique patriots started to take up guns against the Portuguese colonialist in 1964. Their struggle has won the vigorous support of the masses. Afraid that the Mozambique people would back the guerrillas, the Portuguese colonialists, imitating what their U.S. imperialist master did in South Viet Nam, set up "strategic hamlets" which are in fact concentration camps and forced many people to live in these "hamlets". They ordered the rural people to assemble at a certain place, then fenced it with barbed wire and guarded it by their lackeys. Death rate was high among those thrown into the concentration camps because they lost their land, suffered from hunger and cold and were plagued by diseases.

A guerrilla fighter cited the following facts in indictment of the colonialists. In August, 1966, the colonial troops surrounded a guerrilla area with 80 families and herded over 100 people, men and women, old and young to a small ravine. In less than a month, 39 people died. As some others had escaped, the enemy took the rest to another place on trucks and 41 died on the way. Such incidents were common in the past few years.

Louise, a guerrilla, told his comrades-in-arms in tears how his wife was savagely murdered by the enemy. When the Portuguese troops came to his village, his wife could not get away because she was about to give birth. The enemy seized her and bayoneted her to death. After narrating the sad story, Louise wiped away his tears, his eyes flashing vindictively, and declared: "My whole family was killed by the enemy. We miserable Mozambique people are longing for early liberation. Now chairman Mao has pointed out to us the road to national emancipation. We must fight Portuguese imperialism to our last breath."

In an attempt to maintain their bloody rule in Mozambique, the Portuguese colonialist have tried to restrict the freedom of movement of the people there by a "law of residence". They are also trying to sow discord among the more than 60 nationalities in the country. Referring to this, a number of the guerrilla fighters said with one voice, "Now we realize that the enemy are able to rule over us only when our people are not united. We must be united from now on".

Super-economic exploitation

The Portuguese colonialists who have matained a sanguinary rule over the Mozambique people for 470 years have ruthlessly carried out all kinds of super-economic exploitation. they forcibly occupy the land of the peasants, plunder the mineral resources of the country and collect exorbitant taxes and other levies. As a result, the Mozambique people, numbering more than six million, lead an extremely miserable life.

Exposing the towering crimes of the Portuguese colonialist, guerrilla fighter Chaima said that once upon a time the peasants in his village opened up a large tract of wasteland and planted cotton and maize.

Casting a covetous eye on this plot of land and its crops, the Portuguese colonialists immediately ordered the peasants to leave the village and occupied their land by force. This is only one of the innumerable incidents of forcible seizure of peasant land.

The Portuguese colonialists often seize the long cultivated land of the Mozambique peasants by forcing them to move to other places on the pretext of repairing railways and highways or building factories. Then the colonialists level the land with tractors, combine the small plots and lease the land to the peasants at high rents, or run farms on it, hiring labourers to work at starvation wages.

To batten on the blood and sweat of the working people in Mozambique, the Portuguese colonialist authorities not only expoit them through compulsory and unequal exchange but also collect some 40 kinds of exorbitant taxes and miscellaneous levies from the people. The Mozambique people are taxed on everything including clothing, food, housing and transport. There is "poll tax" for the living, "death tax" for the dead, and even taxes for haircut and beard-growing. Many people were beaten, jailed or even killed just because they could not afford to pay taxes. Guerrilla fighter J. R. Casta said angrily, "We people of Mozambique cannot pay the taxes imposed by the Portuguese colonialists even if we do back-breaking labour year in and year out throughout our lives."

A leading member of the guerrilla force said, "The Portuguese colonialists have committed untold crimes in Mozambique. We must expose these crimes to all the people of our country, so that they can always remember our national grievances and will one day demand the repayment of blood debts from these colonialists."

After making charges against the Portuguese colonialists, a guerrilla fighter said, "Our ancestors waged numerous struggles and failed but they did not know why. Having studied chairman Mao's thesis on people's war, we now know that only through armed struggle can the people of Mozambique win victory in the struggle for liberation."

Where there is oppression there is resistance. In the past four years or more, the guerrillas of Mozambique have become more powerful with every battle, and have dealt heavy blows to the Portuguese colonialist, who are receiving the strong backing of U.S. imperialism. Now more and more Mozambique guerrilla fighters have understood through their practical struggle the universal significance of the great teaching of chairman Mao: "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun." They understand with increasing clarity that only by resolutely taking the road of armed struggle can the people of Mozambique achieve national liberation.

October 1966 Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.



FREE HUEY

Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the white man of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form,** as **to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and unsurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**

RULES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA..

Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.

Every member of the party must know these verbatum by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.

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8 POINTS OF ATTENTION

1) Speak politely.
2) Pay fairly for what you buy.
3) Return everything you borrow.
4) Pay for anything you damage.
5) Do not hit or swear at people.
6) Do not damage property or crops of the poor, oppressed masses.
7) Do not take liberties with women.
8) If we ever have to take captives do not ill-treat them.

3 MAIN RULES OF DISCIPLINE

1) Obey orders in all your actions.
2) Do not take a single needle or a piece of thread from the poor and oppressed masses.
3) Turn in everything captured from the attacking enemy.



SOUL ON ICE?

"IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE PRISONER'S DEBT TO SOCIETY VERSUS SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE PRISONER IS INJECTED FORCEFULLY INTO NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS, INTO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, AND INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE BODY POLITIC. IT IS AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOT OF AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, THE STRUCTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW, THE PREVAILING BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD A CONVICTED FELON." (SOUL ON ICE, P.59)

Eldridge Cleaver made the decision to politically exile himself November 27th, on the basis that the Adult Authority made an outlaw decision, and that he has been denied his constitutional right to due process of law.

The revocation of Cleaver's parole was illegal, because no parole violation was committed.

The Adult Authority parole board has tried to maintain that Cleaver violated his parole by having a rifle in his possession, and by associating with individuals of bad reputation. This contention, we will show, is false. The Adult Authority version contradicts the Superior Court order itself:

"... Cleaver's only handling of a firearm (the rifle) was in obedience to a police command. He did not handle a hand gun at all. There was nothing one way or the other to show a conspiracy or a situation calling for the application of the doctrine of aiding and abetting. Hence, nothing supported either the possession of a firearm or the assault charge.

As to the charge of association with individuals of bad reputation, the report indicated that two or three of those named had "police records," but nothing to show whether any had been convicted of anything, or whether Cleaver knew of their arrest record." (Superior Court c.t. 137, 138, 140, 141.)

Parolee Cleaver was denied due process of law by being denied opportunity to present his case.

Why was Cleaver returned to prison as a parole violator if documented evidence to the contrary had been presented in his defense? To answer that question, one must examine the Adult Authority. This board has the right to arbitrarily revoke or suspend parole on any individual. At the same time, the Adult Authority maintains—falsely—that Cleaver has the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing. This is how it works:

"A parolee is served with violation charges, is interviewed, is given a hearing (before the Adult Authority itself, the charging party) at which the parolee may 'plead' to the parole violation charges, and is afforded an opportunity to present his defense."

"At the 'hearing' a parolee is denied the right to counsel, may not have an independent and impartial officer to conduct the hearing and make decision." (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 17)

Not only does the Adult Authority hold secret hearings, but it also refuses to notify persons under its jurisdiction of its procedures, or of its variable definitions of what constitutes a parole violation. This secrecy and vagueness is in direct violation of federal law which requires agencies to publish their procedures "for guidance of the public."

"Petitioner (Cleaver) is immediately and seriously prejudiced by the Adult Authority's unlawful refusal to publish its regulations, since he is to be imprisoned by virtue of an action which the Adult Authority still seeks to garb in this 'veil of secrecy.' (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 12)

Yes, the Adult Authority acted unjustly and illegally. Its decision was an outlaw decision. Cleaver had no chance of obtaining "justice" from these Star Chamber proceedings. Why then wouldn't the U.S. Supreme Court hear Cleaver's case? There are, we believe, three reasons why the case wasn't accepted. The first is that any fair minded court would obviously have released Cleaver, thereby setting a precedent. The second is that thousands of cases of alleged parole violation from all over California and other states would be subject to reversal. Thirdly, the illegal functioning of the Adult Authority would come under attack. The U.S. Supreme Court just couldn't afford to consider the Cleaver case during this turbulent period.

Eldridge Cleaver is a victim of naked, shameless political persecution. As Judge Sherwin puts it:

"... The uncontradicted evidence presented to this court indicated that the petitioner had been a model parolee. The peril to his parole status stemmed from no failure of personal rehabilitation, but from his undue eloquence in pursuing political goals, goals which were offensive to many of his contemporaries. Not only was there absence of cause for the cancellation of parole, it was the product of a type of pressure unbecoming, to say the least, to the law enforcement paraphernalia of this state."

Cleaver is in political exile because a man of his convictions cannot get justice here. Indeed, if we are to give more than lip service to the concepts of freedom and justice we must support him. The work to get him discharged from parole must continue. An intense publicity campaign is necessary now to bring to the public the legal defense and arguments which were carried to the courts with no satisfaction. We must all work together to focus attention of this case. This is not an issue of one man's freedom, but a broad struggle which affirms the right of all of us to speak out politically in this country. If Cleaver is not allowed his freedom, it is just a matter of time until all our freedoms are further reduced. His is not a personal struggle but a political one.

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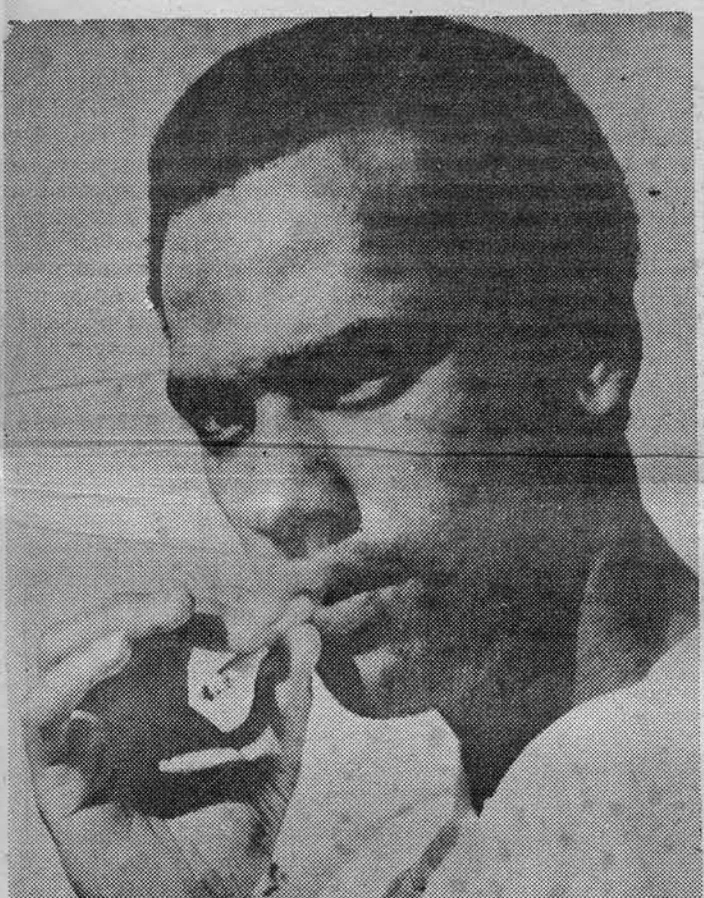
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OAKLAND, California -- The National Advisory Cabinet to the Black Panther Party is working with and for St.Augustine Episcopal Church's program: breakfast in the morning for Oakland's school children in the black community.

All children in grammar schools and growing young adults in Junior High Schools can receive free, FULL BREAKFASTS in the mornings before they go to school. The first of there breakfasts will exist one hour before school hours at St. Augustine's Church, 27th and West, and the Black Community Center, at 42nd and Grove Streets, EVERY SCHOOL MORNING.

The National Advisory Cabinet and church members are calling on all mothers and others who want to work with this revolutionary program of making sure that our young have full stomachs before going to school. The schools and the Board of Education should have had this program instituted a long time ago. How can our children learn anything when most of their stomachs are empty? Black people in the Black Community-mothers, welfare recipients, grandmothers, guardians, and others who are trying to raise children in the black community where racists oppress us - are asked to come forth to work and support this needed program. Soul food: grits, eggs, bread, and meat for the stomachs is where it's at when it comes to properly preparing our children for education. LET'S DO IT NOW. Support this community program.

Those who want to volunteer their work every morning or every other morning can come to the BLACK PANTHER PARTY CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS at 3106 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley or contact Father Niel at these numbers: 534-6684, 893-1016. Interested persons may also contact Ruth Beckford Smith at 893-8211 or sign up with other community peoples and citizens for full stomachs and better education of black children.

We urge as many mothers and other black citizens as possible to unite with this COMMUNITY-BLACK PANTHER PROGRAM. We are also asking all businesses throughout the black community to donate the necessary food and utensils to prepare the foods for our children. Call the Black Panther Office at 845-0103 or 845-0104. Everything of value donated to BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN is tax deductable. Items or funds may be sent c/o St. Augustine Episcopal Church. Just let us know, both black and white communities and citizens, what you can donate in money, time, etc.

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